



WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

CREATION

All of creation was made good, with humanity as its very good crown - created in the image of God, the delight of His heart.

FALL

Humanity rebelled, seeking to be god rather than to submit to God, and began to live life selfishly rather than according to His goodness. In this rebellion, we have bound ourselves under sin, evil, and death. This results in alienation from God, from one another, from creation, and even from ourselves, and brings us under God's righteous judgment.

REDEMPTION

God, in His mercy and great love for us and for all of creation, entered into the world to save people and to renew his creation: Jesus Christ, God in flesh, came to free us from sin, evil, and death. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for our sins, conquered evil and death, and was exalted as King over all.

INVITATION

We are invited to be reconciled to God and participate in the renewal of all creation. This requires repentance from our old way of life, having faith in Christ's act of love and mercy, and having a new life of grace and love with the Holy Spirit. This can begin now. Join with us in worship, as we come to God in our need, confess our sins, receive His forgiveness, hear His word, and are nourished by His self-giving love in the bread and wine. Please speak to one of our pastors if you'd like to learn more about forming a relationship with this God who loves you already.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Christ Church Anglican was founded in 1733 and maintains its historical heritage as the first church in Georgia and as a member of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese in the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA).

Parking can be found in our lot on 37th Street and is also available at the Library next door on Bull St. or at the Georgia Infirmary on 36th St. or The Whitefield Center at Drayton and 37th St.

Nursery Care is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service for children 4 and under, downstairs in the Wesley Wing.

<u>Children</u> of all ages are welcome to stay in the service. Children's books can be located at the 37th street entrance. Little Church for children ages 5-10 takes place during the sermon.

Office Hours are 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

Weekly Newsletter to subscribe visit our website www.ccasav.org and complete the Stay in Touch information. A link to past editions is available on the Home Page.



Visitors, we are happy you are worshiping with us today! Please fill out this connection card located on our website.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Please kneel or sit in silence as you prepare your heart to worship the Living God.

Introit

"Once in Royal David's City"
Chorister: Otis Belz

English Carol

READING

John 1:1-14

During the reading, the acolytes will bring the Light from the Christ Candle to the congregation.

As you light your candle, please tip only the unlit candle.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Adeste Fideles

- O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,
 Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
 - Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
- God for God, light from light eternal, lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb; only begotten Son of the Father; (*Refrain*)
- ³ Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest: (*Refrain*)
- ⁴ Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father now in flesh appearing. (*Refrain*)

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant For unto us a child is born People Unto us a son is given.

Isaiah 9:6

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All say together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Cord, have mercy upon us.

Cord, have mercy upon us.

A SONG OF PRAISE (CANTICLE 13)

Hymnal #859

- ¹ Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
- ² Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
- ³ Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

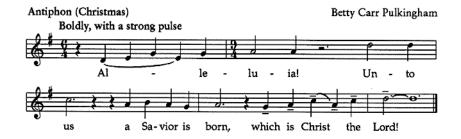
Please Extinguish Candles.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-4, 11-12

Congregation, Cantor and Choir

The Congregation joins in singing the antiphon below



Cantor

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. (Antiphon all)
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; He is more to be feared than all gods. (Antiphon all)
- ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- ¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth. (Antiphon all)

THE SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

Pew Bible, p. 1184

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God**.

GOSPEL HYMN

Hymnal #31 Gloria

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading,

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Craig Stephans

THE NICENE CREED Standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and time to rest and worship,

We thank you, Lord.

For all who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all who earnestly seek after truth, and all who labor for justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is good and gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All say together

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ

have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

THE PEACE Standing

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

PARISH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

The people give their tithes and offerings as the bread and wine are prepared. Online donations may be made at ccasav.org or through Venmo @CCASAV.

OFFERTORY HYMN (*Standing*) "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hymnal #30 Mendelssohn

Celebrant Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the

majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD,

and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

People And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11,14

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SURSUM CORDA)

Remain Standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

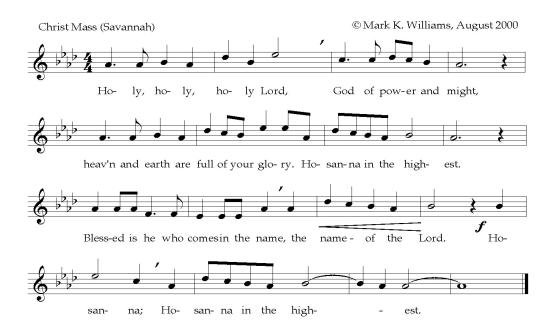
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, so that we might be cleansed from sin and be given the right to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Kneeling

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All say together

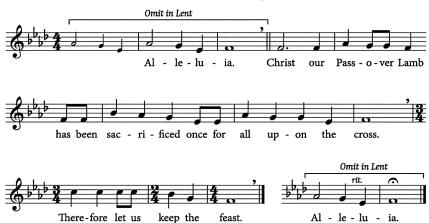
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Christ Mass, Mark K. Williams U.S.: 2012



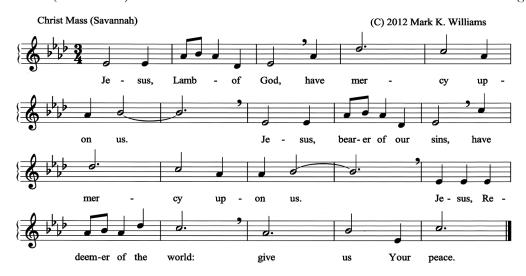
THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All say together

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

John 1:29, Revelation 19:9

We invite you to come forward to kneel or stand at the railing to receive Communion or a blessing in the following ways:

- All baptized Christians may receive both the bread and the wine by either eating the bread and drinking from the cup or by leaving the bread in your palm for the minister to take and intinct (dip) in the wine and place back in your palm for consumption.
- To receive only the bread, after you eat the bread cross your arms over your chest as the wine is offered.
- To receive a blessing without the bread and wine, come forward and cross your arms over your chest, and the minister will offer a prayer of blessing.
- If you are unable to come forward for Communion, inform an usher and the ministers will come to you.
- Gluten free wafers are available by request.

Intercessors are available for prayer in the corners of the nave.

Parish Choir and CCA Orchestra

arr. Elaine Hagenberg (U.S. 2019:)

- ¹ Good people all, this Christmas time consider well and bear in mind; What our good God for us has done in sending His beloved Son.
- ² With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas day. In Bethlehem upon that morn' there was a blessed Messiah born
- ³ Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep. To whom God's angels did appear which put the shepherds in great fear.
- 4 "Prepare and go", the angels said "To Bethlehem, be not afraid". For there you'll find this happy morn' a princely Babe, sweet Jesus born"
- ⁵ With thankful heart and joyful mind the shepherds went that Babe to find. And as God's angel had foretold they did our Savior Christ behold
- ⁶ Within a manger He was laid and by his side the Virgin maid
 As long foretold upon that morn' there was a blessed Messiah born

- Traditional Irish, 12th Century

COMMUNION MUSIC

The congregation is invited to join in singing praise to God.

"Away In A Manger"

"O little town of Bethlehem"

"What child is this" (Standing)

Hymnal #40 Cradle Song Hymnal #69 St. Louis Hymnal #76 Greensleeves All say together

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin and evil, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness and love. May the Lord of hosts who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, grant you favor, fill you with joy and peace and make you heralds of the gospel of Jesus. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**.

CANDLELIGHTING

The organist will play "Silent Night" quietly until all of the congregation's candles have been lit.

After all candles are lighted, we will join in singing the hymn together.

Please tip only the unlit candle.

CLOSING HYMN (Standing)
"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Next Page Stille Nacht "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Christmas Poinsettias are given to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for the birth of Jesus and in loving memory of...

Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Belk and Mrs. Anita Freeze Fuller Radke by Deane & Stan Belk

Lindy Brown, Norris Jacques and Joyce Jacques by Chuck and Jill Brown

> Our parents by David & Melanie Brown

Bernie & Vera Joyce and Ken & Christina Chichester by Sharon & Gary Chichester and family

Our Dad, Berto, Aunt Kim, Aunt Willy and Uncle Jan by Kiak, Bart and Bertus de Graaf.

Carol Hays Moore and Clark "Odeke" Smith by Brian, Mary Jane, David, Robert and Carol Dennison

Paul & Mary Ewaldsen and Leo & Virginia Beckmann by Nele & Tommy Ewaldsen

Martin Rene de Laureal by Bridget & Jim Gardner

Christie Hoover and Bobby Welch by The Hoover family

Our parents, Richard Coleman, Richard P. James, Sr., and Merle S. Hall by Richard & Cindy James

Lorraine & Cecil Mason and Elizabeth (Libby) Mason by David Mason

> Mary Alice Puhala by Bethany Moore

Our parents and grandparents and Carol Lee Hays Moore by Harry & Susan Moore

Ruby Lee & Creed Taylor, Martha & Joseph V. Morrison, Sr., Mary Hughes Dauenhauer, Nora Hicks Hollifield, Virginia Hill Mooreland and Mattie Gurr Lamar by Jo Ann & Joseph V. Morrison, Jr.

> John & Ruth Northup and Alfred & Anastasia Pasker by John & Millie Northup

Our parents by Gene & Gail Prevatt

Bill & Julie by Kathy & Craig Shoemaker

Melvin Vandegrift and Mike Barnett by Ron & Holly Vandegrift

Clark Smith by Dick & Connie Williams Scott Luse and Sam Adams by their Small Group

and in thanksgiving for...

Family and Friends, and in celebration of the Birth of Christ by Donna & Reggie Adamson

> Marisa Suarez Rua by Elias Clements

Our Mama, Lies and Mama & Dad Pratchyawatin by Kiak, Bart, and Bertus de Graaf

The marriage of Charlotte Dennison & Yelisey (Eli) Zelman by Brian, Mary Jane, David, Robert and Carol Dennison

> Our grandchildren: William, Ben, Oliver and Ford by David & Connie Estes

Win, Callie, George and Frances Kelly by Scott & Beth Glass

> Advent and Christmas by Jane & Joe Greever

The family of Christ and CCA by Bob & Ann Hallock

The gift of new life by Joe & Gloria Harrison

Our children, Emily Grace, Meredith, Daniel, Cody and Kaitlyn by Richard & Cindy James The Slen Family by David W. Mason

All of our children and grandchildren by Harry & Susan Moore

Our children and grandchildren by Jo Ann & Joseph V. Morrison, Jr.

Our family by Gene & Gail Prevatt

Family & our many blessings by Kathy & Criag Shoemaker

Our family who have gone before, and will march into the future by Nancy & David Solana

Our children and their families by Jim & Janet Stevenson

Our children and grandchildren by Allan & Diane Van Houtan

Our parents in Heaven and our family, our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren by Dwight & Marie Winters

> Jeanne Wright by Walter Wright

Gay & Joe Park by their Small Group

The Wreaths on the Bull Street doors are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Archibald Lovett Morris,
Elizabeth Putnam & John Wright Carswell,
Bernice Hart & Romeo Basil Morris,
Cornelia Morris Haile,
Elizabeth McMaster & Porter Wilkins Carswell,
and Porter Wilkins Carswell, III
by Betty Morris and family.



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SCHEDULE

Morning Prayer 8 AM: Monday - Saturday
Evensong: 6:30 PM, First Friday of Each Month
Sunday Worship: Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30 AM, Compline 8 PM
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday Noon - 5PM

CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Craig Stephans, Rector The Rev. Bryan Biba, Assistant Rector The Rev. Greg Malley, Deacon

The Rev. Sally Lufburrow, Deacon

The Rev. Steve Dantin, Deacon, Executive Director of

The Whitefield Center

The Rev. Kirk Duffy, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Marcus B. Robertson, Rector Emeritus

The Right Rev. Alex Farmer, Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Andy Anderson, Military Chaplain in Residence The Rev. Guido Gonzalez, Military Chaplain in Residence

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The Whitefield Center Coordinator

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Claudia Thomas, Council Warden

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Eden Combes

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