

PREFACE TO CONFIRMATION

The Anglican Church requires a public and personal profession of the Faith from every adult believer in Jesus Christ. Confirmation or Reception by a Bishop is its liturgical expression. Confirmation is clearly grounded in Scripture: the Apostles prayed for and laid their hands on those who had already been baptized (2 Timothy 1:6-7; Acts 8:14-17; 19:6).

In Confirmation, through the Bishop's laying on of hands and prayer for daily increase in the Holy Spirit, God strengthens the believer for Christian life in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Grace is God's gift, and we pray that he will pour out his Holy Spirit on those who have already been made his children by adoption and grace in Baptism.

At the direction of the Bishop, and after public reaffirmation of their baptismal promises, those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions (including those confirmed in other traditions) are *received* into the Anglican Church with prayer and the laying on of hands by a Bishop.

Confirmed believers who are already members of this Church (including those received from other traditions as above, those returning to active Christian discipleship after lapsing, and those experiencing a renewal of Christian commitment or significant life transition) may also *reaffirm* the pledges made to Christ and his Church with prayer and the laying on of hands by a Bishop.

ACNA Book of Common Prayer 2019

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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 on Sundays beginning at 9 a.m. for children 3 and under, downstairs in the Wesley Wing.

Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the service. Children's activity bags and books for use during the service are available at the 37th street entrance. Please leave the activity bags and books in the pew or return to the Narthex. Little Church for children ages 4-10 takes place during the 10:30 a.m. sermon.

Weekly Newsletter Scan the QR code to access and sign up for our weekly newsletter. Parish news and events are featured in our Thursday release.



NEWSLETTER



Visitors, we are happy you are worshiping with us today!

Please stop by the Parlor after worship to meet Clergy & Staff and to receive a newcomer gift. Also consider completing this online connection card located on our website. We look forward to seeing you in the future

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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

PRELUDE How Can I Keep from Singing? Arnold Sherman
The Bells of Christ Church U.S.: 2005

PROCESSIONAL Hymnal #167

"Rise, O Church, and Lift Your Voices"

Regent Square

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

with the laying on of Hands by the Bishop

THE ACCLAMATION Remain Standing

Bishop The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Bishop Your old men shall dream dreams,

People And your young men shall see visions.

Bishop You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

People That he is the Lord and there is none else.

Bishop And it shall come to pass

People That everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.

Joel 2:27-28, 32: Acts 2:17, 21

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Bishop Let us pray

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit

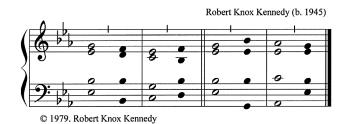
Bishop Let us pray.

The Bishop continues

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

PSALM 67 (Harvest Song)



- May God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.
- 2 Let your way be known upon learth, | your saving health among all nations. I
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; | indeed, let all the peoples praise you.
- O let the nations rejoice and be ¹ glad, | for you shall judge the peoples righteously, and govern the nations upon ¹ earth. ¹
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O ¹ God; | let all the peoples ¹ praise you. |
- Then shall the earth bring forth her ¹ increase, | and God, even our own God, shall give us his ¹ blessing. ||

(Repeat second half of chant)

7 God shall bless us, | and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 19:1-9

Pew Bible, p. 1232

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At this time children ages 4-10 are invited to 'Little Church'.

Children will follow the crucifer (cross) out of the Nave and downstairs to the Wesley Wing.

Parents of very young children are asked to accompany their child.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 14:21-29 Pew Bible, p. 1071

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading,

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Right Rev. Dr. Alex Farmer, Bishop Gulf Atlantic Diocese

The congregation is invited to pray and reflect in silence for a time following the sermon.

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, 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.

THE PRESENTATION, EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION

Receiving the laying on of hands for Confirmation are: Elbert Arjan de Graaf, Chad Duckworth, Sebastian Ferguson Goeken, and Eliana Marie Sprunger.

Receiving the laying on of hands for Reception are: April Bridgwood, Peter Bridgwood, Charles L. Brown Jr., Jacinda Jill Brown, Gene Richard Clatterbaugh, Korakot de Graaf, Harry Manning, Leslie Lynn Manning, Callum Pearce, Cana Naomi Pearce, Vaden Elliot Pearce, Shannon Marie Pittman, Clyde Kent Price, Titus James Spinks, Eisen Warner, Glenn Warner, and Julie Elizabeth Warner.

The Candidates and Presenters stand facing the Bishop as their Presenters says

Presenter Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of hands.

Bishop Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenter They have.

The Bishop then says

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed or Received in this Church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciples; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in Baptism, through which we are made God's children by adoption and given the Holy Spirit. By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the world. Now, these Candidates desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying on of hands, that the Holy Spirit may fill them more and more for their ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the Candidates

Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates I do

Bishop Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel

against God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt

and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the

Old and New Testaments?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them

all the days of your life?

Candidates I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop addresses the Congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

Congregation We will.

PRAYER AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The Bishop stands and says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we beseech you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your manifold virtues of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and the spirit of holy fear, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR CONFIRMATION

Each Confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, prays

Defend, O Lord, this your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom.

People Amen.

Or this

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant N.; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life.

People Amen.

FOR RECEPTION

Those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions are Received with the laying on of hands as follows.

Strengthen, O Lord, with your Holy Spirit, your servant N., whom we recognize as a member of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and receive into the fellowship of this Communion. Empower him for your service, and sustain him all the days of his life.

People Amen.

The Bishop then says

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be upon *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Holy Word, that *they* may faithfully serve you in this life, and joyfully dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Flower Memorial

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, in loving memory for our parents, Charles Penzel & Mary Winter Wright and Dr James Clayton & Ruth Mauldin Mets and for our children Winter II and Mary, and our grandchildren Grace and Claire by Winter & Ruthie Wright.

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 ANTHEM

"Bow Down Low"
Parish Choir

Shaker Song arr. David Bridges

- Bow down low and bend your head. Bow down low and bend your head. For I've come to sweep this house. For to sweep the Lord's house clean.
- Yes I've come to wash and clean. From this floor the stains of sin, For, lo Ive come again, And I've not come in vain.
- Sweep high, sweep low, sweep clean, as you go. Bow down low and bend your head.. For to sweep the Lord's house clean. For to sweep the Lord's house clean.

Celebrant All stand

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)

Standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

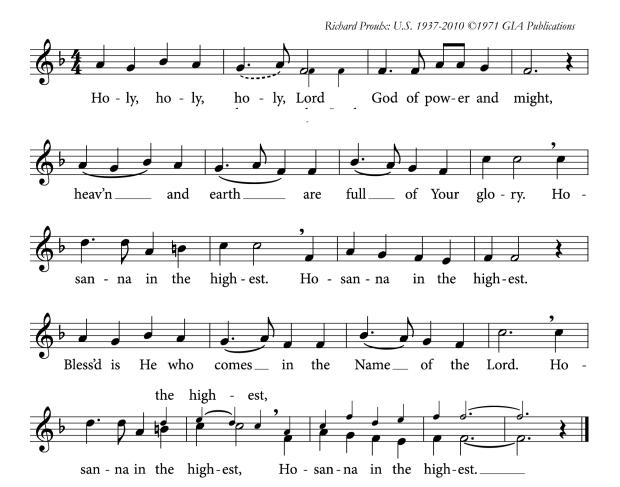
People We lift them up to the Lord.

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. 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 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:



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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.**

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.

THE FRACTION

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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 on the Epistle side of the altar near the Eagle lectern.

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

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

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

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He is Lord



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Give Him All the Glory



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,

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PROCESSION OUT "Thine Is The Glory"

Hymnal #172 Judas Maccabeus

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE





Feast of The Ascension Eucharist Service

Thursday, May 29 6:30 P.M.

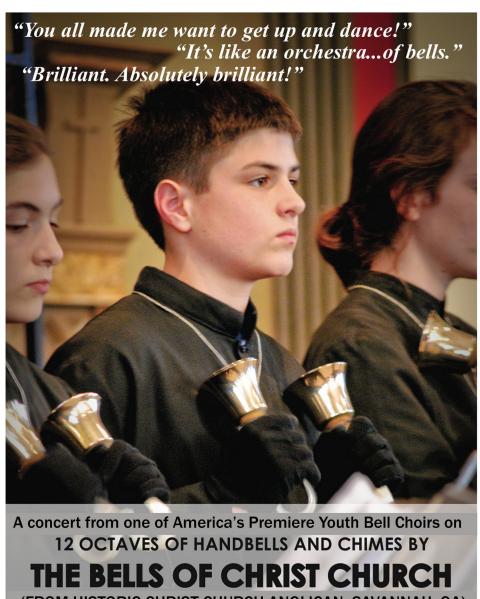
Join us for the Feast of Ascension Eucharist Service. This service commemorates the ascension of Jesus 40 days following the resurrection. He was taken up into heaven in a cloud of glory and will return in the same way.

The worship service begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Nave.









(FROM HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN, SAVANNAH, GA)

Christ Church Anglican Returning Home Concert Sunday, June 8 at 3:30p.m. 2020 Bull Street (FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)



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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. Canon 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

The Rev. Joe Gasbarre, Priest in Residence

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