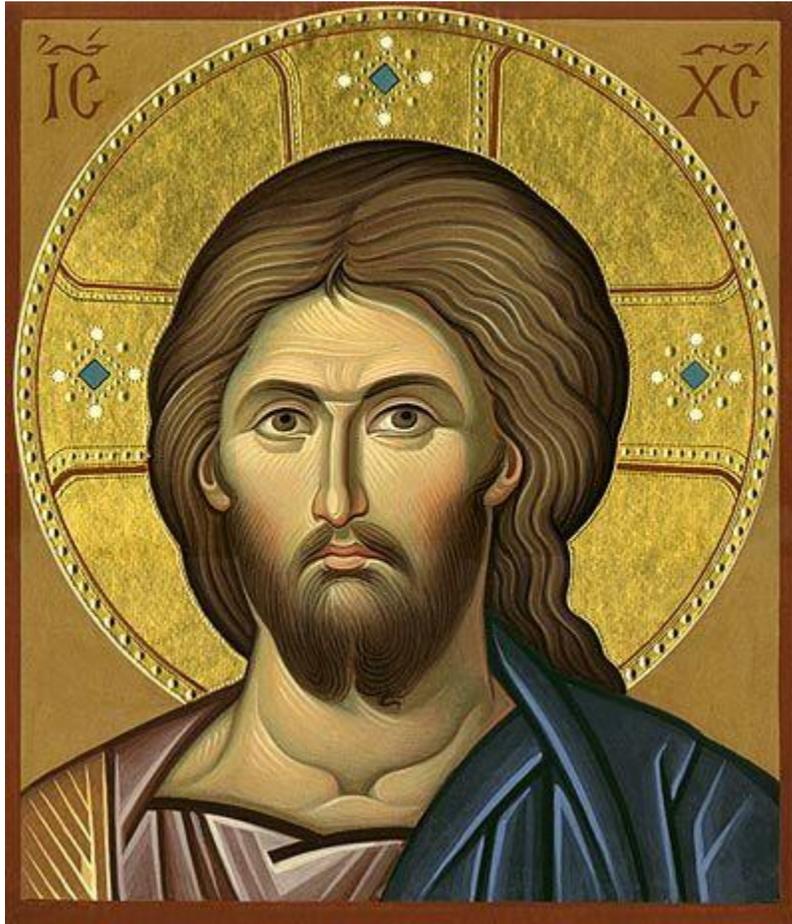


The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020



Jesus Christ, Messiah
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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others". You will notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns. You are invited to participate however you wish.

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

Prelude

Processional Hymn 304 (vs. 1&5)

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

I come with joy to meet my Lord

5 Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

Presider † Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ -- Philipians 1:2

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People 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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider and People

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. Alleluia.

Presider Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

BCP 82

Presider and People

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with
psalms. For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Response

Psalm 138

Confitebor tibi

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 71 (vs. 1&6)

1 In times like these you need a Savior,
In times like these you need an anchor;
Be very sure, be very sure,
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!
*Refrain: This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the one
This Rock is Jesus, the only One!
Be very sure, be very sure,
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!*

In times like these you need a Savior

3 In times like these I have a Savior,
In times like these I have an anchor;
I'm very sure, I'm very sure,
My anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!
*Refrain: This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One,
This Rock is Jesus, the only One!
Be very sure, be very sure,
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!*

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Priest † The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul McCabe

The Apostles Creed

BCP 96

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 96

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrage B

BCP 96

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Presider and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 525 (vs. 1&5)

The Church's one foundation

1 The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

5 Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

BCP 102

Priest Let us bless the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. -- Ephesians 3:20, 21

Postlude

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Foster & Bliss Peterson in loving Memory of Robert D. Baldwin, Jr.

Prayer List

Walt, Susan, John, Elizabeth, Tom, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Chris & AJ, Lynda, Elizabeth, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick Ramsey, Lethia, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, the Halls, and the Stinchcombs; The Meeks Family; For all those affected by COVID-19, For our country and the division, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

Prayer for the Departed

We pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Van Horn, last remaining sibling of Lam Thurmond. May she rest in peace and ride in glory!

We pray for the repose of the soul of Lyle Meeks, the two-year-old son of Ryan & Isla Meeks. Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with the Meek family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Birthdays

Toni Hufford 8/24

Bruce Collopy 8/25

Shawn Buckley 8/29

Thanksgiving for Birth

Many blessings on the birth of Melynn Elaine Norman, daughter of Hammy & Molly Norman. Melynn was Born August 10 at 3:32am coming in at 8lbs 13oz, 22 inches long, we are happy for the proud new parents. Dear Friends: The birth of a child is a joyous and solemn occasion in the life of a family. It is also an occasion for rejoicing in the Christian community. I bid you, therefore, to join Hammy & Molly in giving thanks to Almighty God our heavenly Father, the Lord of all life, for the gift of Melynn Elaine Norman to be their daughter. ***Amen***

***Important NEW COVID-19 Guidelines & Info for limited In-person worship & group gatherings**

The diocese has come out with some updated gathering documents this past week. While we are still not allowed to gather for large crowds for in person worship, providing opportunities for small gatherings will be allowed. The most important take away from the new guidelines is the opportunity to visit the sanctuary for sacred time. All in-person activity and group meetings at ECA must go through Fr. Paul to ensure accountability measures. Here is the latest information we have. Click on the links below to review:

- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Phase One re-opening at ECA: [Click Here](#)
- Latest bishop's directive as of August 19, 2020. Please click on the link [HERE](#)

Father Paul Continues to make Pastoral Calls during COVID-19 as Needed

Fr. Paul is making his Pastoral Rounds virtually via telephone calls and online check-ins. If you are in need of counseling, prayer, or simply a virtual visit, please contact Fr. Paul directly at 770-490-7234 or by email at pcm09@bellsouth.net. Part of what makes ECA so special is the community and support we offer to one another!

Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service

While we are still not allowed to meet in our worship space, we continue to stream a Sunday service to our parish and cyber community. If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at pcm09@bellsouth.net. There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested.

Adult Christian Formation class Sundays at 10:30a.m. via Zoom

Those who are interested can participate in our Adult Christian formation class via Zoom at 10:30 am. Contact Ron Allen at ronallenga@yahoo.com or contact Fr. Paul for Zoom meeting information. Current topics have been about how to adjust to the current COVID-19 climate as a faithful Christian in a divided community.

New Online Directory: Please Check your Information

We have been working on transferring and updating members information into a new directory format. This new format will allow us to print our own directories, immediately update information and photos, add new members, and access the information via an app for all your devices. Before we go live with the new directory, we ask that you log-in and check your information. Because all names, addresses, dates, etc. had to be manually entered; there is margin for error. We are asking that you review TWO items in the directory:

1. Your general information (name, address, phone, etc.).
2. Birthday and Anniversary dates (listed on the last few pages of the directory- please scroll down). There are several families without BD & Anniversary dates listed.

Additionally, if you would like to update or add a photo, you may email that along with any updates or changes to ecaparish@gmail.com. Stay tuned for details on how to access or print new directories once all updates are completed. Thank you! Password to access the directory: *Godshands*. [Click here](#) to view the new directory.

Sign up for the ECA Newsletter

If you do not already receive the ECA weekly newsletter, you may sign up to have it delivered to your email in box weekly by [clicking here](#). Additionally, you may go to our web-page and sign up (simply scroll down and click on the sign up button).

Pavilion Update: Site work is being Done

We have begun working on the site area for our outdoor pavilion and we are looking forward to moving ahead with the project. We ask that you please refrain from going to the church to see what is happening. We will keep the parish updated as work progresses. We do not have an end date for the project to be completed because we have to order materials and we have been told there is a 4-6 week wait period due to COVID-19. We are excited about this next phase and look forward to its completion. We are very blessed and we thank all those who have contributed to the project to help make it happen.

Several Ways to Give During the Temporary Change in Activities and Worship

During the next few weeks we will not be able to gather in person at ECA. Unfortunately, our bills still come due. Please consider ways to give in your absence. For your convenience, ECA now offers online giving. It's fast and easy! Please note, there is a 2.2% fee plus \$0.30 per transaction the church incurs. Simply click the "Online Giving" button on our website and designate what your funds are for. You can also set up Check Pay through your bank and designate to ECA. Additionally, you may mail your check or take it to the church and place in the securely locked mailbox at the street; address is 1673 Jamerson Rd. Marietta, GA 30066. We greatly appreciate your support during these difficult times!

Financial Report and Giving Statements have been sent out, contact office with any concerns or questions

Every Month we will make available our year to date financial results. Currently, for the year we are in good financial shape. The finance committee, in conjunction with the Vestry, has been paying close attention to our expenses during the current hardships we are facing with no in-person services at ECA. We are \$7,958 below projected revenue with pledge and non-pledge income and plate collection revenues. Since our expenses are down, we are in positive scenario with income/expenses. Thank you for your continued financial support during these difficult times!

<u>(YTD) Through July 2020</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	\$128,073	\$136,030	(\$7,958)
<u>Expenses</u>	\$126,010	\$137,013	\$11,003
<u>Net Year to date</u>	(\$2,063)	(\$983)	\$3,045

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