



## The Episcopal Church of the Advent

May 13, 2025 Newsletter

Fourth Sunday of Easter



### A message from Father Mark

For a relatively short gospel passage, our reading from this last Sunday is a dense one. One of the central things Jesus says in this passage is that he and the Father are one, by which he means that he and God do the same work. “The works I do in my Father’s name testify to me,” Jesus says. It is impossible to distinguish between the work that Jesus does and the work that God does in the world because Jesus shares fully in it.

It is this relationship between Jesus and God that the sheep of Jesus’ flock will understand. And it is this relationship that demonstrates God’s radical love for the world. In the mystery of the incarnation, God made flesh, God becomes tangibly, palpably available to humanity in the person of Jesus. For John, those who believe this about Jesus, who see the works of God in Jesus’s life and ministry, have access to God in a way never before possible. That is some good news for us.

***Question of the Week: In what specific ways has God called you into partnership with Jesus, to participate in God's work in the world?***

Peace,  
Mark+

### **New website features**

Our website now has a new section: News. We've added this so parishioners can access information that has previously gone out in newsletters and other communications, but hadn't been published elsewhere. Particularly helpful for new or prospective parishioners, this gives all of us a way to catch up on Advent news and information. Any questions? Email [info@adventmadisonga.com](mailto:info@adventmadisonga.com)

### **A message from the Vestry**

***Supply priest coming to Advent for June.*** We have secured a temporary Supply Priest to cover Sunday services in June, 2025 (June 8,15,22,29). He is the retired Reverend Harold Lockett of Atlanta.

The Rev. Dr. Harold Lockett is a retired Episcopal Priest in the Diocese of Atlanta. He is the former Associate Priest of St Paul's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, the former Rector and Pastor of St Timothy's Episcopal Church in Decatur Georgia, and the former Chaplain/Director of Absalom Jones Student Center and Chapel in the AUC.

Since graduating from the C.H. Mason Theological Seminary, ITC, he has served as an Army Chaplain, as a ACPE Supervisor in Training, as a Hospice Chaplain, as a Pastoral Educator for Organ and Tissue Donation for Transplantation. He is retired from the US Army Chaplaincy after 21 years of military service.

He is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso, Texas (BBA), C. H. Mason Theological Seminary (M. Div, D. Min), and the Virginia Theological Seminary (Diploma of Anglican Studies).

He is married to Dr. Carol Marsh-Lockett, a retired professor of English at Georgia State University, and they have two children: Amanda and Joseph.

***Renovation projects upcoming.*** The Vestry is reviewing plans for certain renovations to the Church and Parish House. Brick mortar in the Church's exterior walls below the windowsills will be replaced to prevent water intrusion prior to repairing water damage to interior walls. The Parish House will get a new roof, back porch, steps and handicapped ramp and new handicapped restrooms on the first floor will be created. We will keep you informed on the progress of these projects as they go forward.

### **2025 Madison in May Spring Tour of Homes**

Church of the Advent will be in the Spring Tour of Homes, May 16 and 17, 10 AM – 4 PM.

### **Rota for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 18, 2025 10:30 A.M.**

Altar Guild: Jackson Lewis-Hawkins-Pike-Hilsman

Flower Guild: Ric Crown

LEM/PoP: 8:00 A.M. Richard Simpson; 10:30 A.M. Anna Marrett

1st Reading: G Thompson

2nd Reading: R Thompson

Vestry of the Day – O.J. Booker

Organ Tech: Betsy Quillin

### **Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 18, 10:30 A.M.**

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

The Psalm: Psalm 148

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

The Gospel: John 13:31-35

### Parish Prayer List

**Parish:** Carol Blow, Bob Cupples, Flossie Dodge, Jeanne Dufort, Sally Green, Kate Jackson, Shandon Land, Kathy and Brian Lehman, MaryAnn Lisle, Janet Mason, Dutton Morehouse, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Livy Scholly, and Betty Thomas.

**Friends and Family:** Eugene Broadbridge, Jane Brooks, Hunt Brown, Daphne Carter, Lynn Cupples, Lillian and Turner Eby, Mary Ann Edelman, Joseph Gagliano, Maddie Gartland, Annita Hunt, Grainger Hunt, Johanna Dufort Hunt, Julie Hancock Jones, Jan Kozel, Nancy Labak, Meg Limmer, Tracy Limmer, Jerry Maddox, Ross Mason, Dustin Pullen, Dennis Reeder, Carla Sherrill, Wayne Tamplin, Robin Thomas, Parker Westphal, and Jay Whitecombe.

**Community and Beyond:** Iliana Arias, Bishop Michael Curry, Beth Tamplin Jones, Bill Kurtz, Sherry MacMahon.

May birthdays: **17** Charles Baldwin, IV, Rhodes Baldwin, **19** Pamela Hall, **22** Shelley MacMillan, **25** Luke Roman, **28** Brennan Easton, **29** Bill Kurtz, **30** Allison Lehman

### Week at a glance

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday, May 12, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open discussion)
Tuesday, May 13, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open discussion)
Wednesday, May 14, 2025	9:00 AM	CH	Morning Prayer, Rite I
Thursday, May 15, 2025	12:00 PM	PH	AA - Off the Rails Group (open Book study)
Thursday, May 15, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (closed discussion)
Thursday, May 15, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	Al-Anon (open meeting)
Friday, May 16, 2025	7:00 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (closed Book study)
Sunday, May 18, 2025	8:00 AM	CH	Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
Sunday, May 18, 2025	9:15 AM	PH	Sunday School - Lectionary Study
Sunday, May 18, 2025	10:30 AM	CH	Holy Eucharist, Rite 2
Sunday, May 18, 2025	7:30 PM	PH	AA - Madison Group (open meeting)

PH - Parish House CH - Church

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The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright - Bishop of Atlanta.

Reverend Mark Stewart Johnson - Interim Priest-in-Charge.

Devon Dartnell - Senior Warden, Vic Jackson - Junior Warden.

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