

The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost  
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9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.—Nursery (Parish House, 18 Abercorn Street)

### 8:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Collect, Epistle, Psalm, Gospel and Sermon BCP 323

### 10:30 A.M.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

#### Entrance Rite

Voluntary <i>Adagio in G minor</i>	Tomaso Albinoni
Processional	Hymnal 680
O God, our help in ages past	Isaac Watts
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-278
Collect of the Day	

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### Word of God

First Lesson	Sirach 35:12-17
Gradual Psalm 84:1-6 <i>Quam dilecta!</i>	BCP 707
<i>Anglican chant by C. Hubert H. Parry</i>	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 397
<i>I sing the almighty power of God</i>	Isaac Watts
Holy Gospel	Luke 18:9-14
Sermon	The Reverend Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>

Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	

### Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Christ is made the sure foundation</i>	Dale Wood
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction <i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-154
The Holy Communion	
<i>The Call</i> (Five Mystical Songs)	Ralph Vaughan Williams
Matthew Kirby, tenor	
<i>Humbly I adore thee</i> Att. Thomas Aquinas	Hymnal 314
<i>Blest are the pure in heart</i> J. Keble and W. Hall	Hymnal 656
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 637
<i>How firm a foundation</i>	K. in John Rippon's Selection, 1787
Postlude <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Paul Manz

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Christ Church is the "Mother Church of Georgia" and was founded on February 12, 1733. The current church building was constructed in 1838 and is the third one on the original site. Our mailing address is 18 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 (912-236-2500). Our website can be found at [www.christchurchsavannah.org](http://www.christchurchsavannah.org). Previous rectors of our parish include John Wesley, George Whitefield, F. Bland Tucker and George M. Maxwell.

\*Children ages PreK-5th grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel. Please process with the cross at this time. Younger children and caregivers are also invited to participate in Children's Chapel.

Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

Please join us in the Undercroft for a reception after the 10:30 a.m. service.

**First Lesson**

**Sirach 35:12-17**

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,  
and as generously as you can afford.  
For the Lord is the one who repays,  
and he will repay you sevenfold.  
Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it  
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;  
for the Lord is the judge,  
and with him there is no partiality.  
He will not show partiality to the poor;  
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.  
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,  
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

**Psalms 84** *Qyam dilecta!*

*Anglican chant by C. Hubert H. Parry*

**BCP 707**

Sung by the Choir

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

## Epistle

## 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which



the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted

me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Pope Francis embraced and clasped hands with prison inmates in Philadelphia on Sunday, the last day of his United States visit. Jonathan Ernst/Reuters. Sept. 25, 2015.*

## Gospel

## Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all

who humble themselves will be exalted."

### **Announcements**

#### **Altar Flowers and Memorials**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren, by Isabella and Jerry Reeves; and in memory of our grandparents and in thanksgiving for our parents and children by Kim and Dan Suwyn.

#### **Upcoming Dates and Events for October and November**

- Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish House
  - Sunday School for pre-k through 5th grade "Genesis: Greatest Hits"
  - Adult Forum "Leadership and Spirituality" and our lecturer will be Dr. Michael Hughes, president of Bethesda Academy. On October 30, The Rev. Canon Frank Logue will lead our adult forum and be our guest preacher.
- This afternoon our EYC will gather from 3-4 p.m. at Get Air Savannah, 3609 Ogeechee Road.
- November 3 - Martin Neary (former Organist and Master of the Choirs at Westminster Abbey, London) in recital on Christ Church's mighty Harrison and Harrison Organ at 7 p.m.. Pre-Concert Conversation with Dr. Neary at 6 p.m.
- November 6 - Empty Bowl Fundraiser from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall/Emmaus House, 18 Abercorn Street. \$5 for children and \$20 for adults.

#### **Camp Kanuga**

Camp Kanuga representative, Margaret Brooks, is with us today. Margaret will be in the Undercroft after the 10:30 Service to provide information about Kanuga Residential Camp sessions for youth who are 7 to 15 years of age. Please take a moment to speak with her if you would like to know more. Since 1931, Camp Kanuga campers have been forming lifelong friendships, experiencing new adventures and exploring their faith in our welcoming Christian community. Camp Kanuga is a co-ed summer camp affiliated with The Episcopal Church and located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North

Carolina in Hendersonville. We are accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA) the industry leader in setting standards for camp program quality and youth development education. We are committed to promoting growth and fun in a safe, nurturing environment. All of our programs are designed to build independence and self-confidence in youth while teaching the importance of respect toward each other and the world around them.

### Stewardship Begins Today!

Today, Christ Church begins its annual Stewardship campaign. Led by faithful parishioners Dr. Bill Wallace and Dr. Julia Mikell, the campaign's theme is "We are blessed. Let us share the blessings." Remember that giving is a blessing for each of us. When God takes such wonderful, merciful care of us, we are fortunate to help him reach out to others through us. Your generous financial support makes it possible for Christ Church to be a center of God's blessings in Savannah. Your pledge enables Christ Church to get the most from your financial support by enabling accurate planning and budgeting.

### Feast of James the Just of Jerusalem—October 23

*The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shipps*

James was, according to St Paul and the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, a brother of Jesus, yet James was not a believer during our Lord's earthly ministry.



But when Jesus appeared to him after the Resurrection, James was converted, surprising kinfolk in Nazareth with his knowledge of the teachings of Jesus (Matthew

13:54-55). James soon rose to prominence in the Church and became the first Bishop of Jerusalem. Peter and Paul, having received Gentiles asking to be

baptized apart from Jewish law, traveled to Jerusalem to consult with James. Thereupon James called the elders together and presided over the first council of the Church, the Council of Jerusalem, which decided to permit Gentiles to be baptized without first submitting to the Jewish law of circumcision. James declared, "My judgment is that we should impose no irksome conditions on those Gentiles who are turning to God"(Acts 15:19).

Many Gentiles were converted, and the faithful increasingly were known as Christians. The number of disciples grew and the Christian community spread to eastern parts of the Mediterranean, especially through missionary journeys of St. Paul to Greece. In time, James angered the Jewish authorities, who begged him to stop preaching about Jesus as the Messiah. In the year 62, they took him to the pinnacle of the Temple, bidding him to recant. James, however, testified to the Lord. Then they ridiculed him and hurled him to the pavement, where a mob stoned and clubbed him to death. James of Jerusalem was a holy man, a man of prayer; many came to belief through his ministry; early Church historians declared he was surnamed "The Just." He is widely considered to be the author of The Epistle of James.

Opposite Page: *Martyrdom of James the Just* in Menologion of Basil II, a manuscript dating from late tenth or early eleventh century.

### **Episcopal Diocese of Georgia Integrity Retreat**

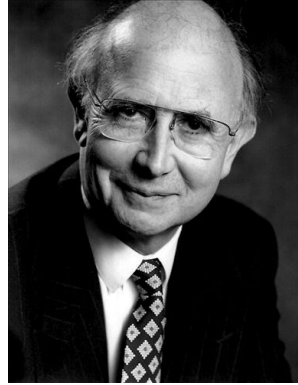
Integrity Georgia will offer a fall retreat at Honey Creek Camp and Conference Center, Friday, October 28, 5:00 p.m. through Saturday, October 29, 12 noon. All are invited to attend this gathering of Episcopalians for worship, education, and conversation related to the inclusion of LGBTQ members into life of the church. Retreat Leader: Bruce Garner, National Integrity President. Saturday Preacher: The Rev. Billy Alford, St. Alban's, Augusta. All are welcome! Registration and costs found at [Honeycreek.org](http://Honeycreek.org). If you have questions, please contact Clayton Gagne-Thomas at 912-655-6986.

### **Martin Neary Performs at Christ Church, Thursday, Nov. 3**

Dr. Martin Neary, former Organist and Master of the Choirs at Westminster Abbey in London, will perform a recital on the Harrison and Harrison Organ



at Christ Church on Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. The free concert is co-sponsored by Christ Church and the Savannah Chapter, American Guild of Organists, and will be preceded by a conversation with the artist at 6:00 p.m. His early musical education was as a chorister at the Chapel Royal, and in 1953 he sang at the Queen's Coronation. At Cambridge University, where he read theology and music, he was organ scholar of Gonville and Caius College. His principal appointments have been Organist and Choirmaster at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster (1965-71), Organist and Master of the Choristers at Winchester Cathedral (1972-87) and at Westminster Abbey (1988-98). He is a frequent visitor to the US, and is currently Associate Artistic Director of the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys.



As conductor, he has championed the works of many contemporary composers, in particular Jonathan Harvey and John Tavener, with over thirty premières. With the Winchester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey Choirs he introduced contemporary British music to audiences all over the world - at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, the Kennedy Center, Washington, and at the Kremlin in Moscow. Martin Neary has also been very much a part of the early music movement in the UK; in 1978 he conducted the first complete performance with period instruments of the Saint Matthew Passion. His numerous recordings include a CD for Sony Classical of Purcell's Music for Queen Mary, with Westminster Abbey Choir, which was nominated for a Grammy, as well as highly praised CDs of Britten and Poulenc, Tavener and Harvey.

Uniquely Martin Neary has served two terms as President of the Royal College of Organists. His awards include an honorary doctorate of music from Southampton University, and his appointment by the Queen as Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order in the 1998 New Year's Honours, in respect of his services at the Funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales. In 2012 he was awarded a Lambeth Doctorate of Music by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

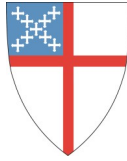
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The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, D. Min., *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend Sierra Wilkinson Reyes, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Helen S. White, *Assistant for Children and Family Ministries*

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Assistant for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

The Right Reverend Henry I. Louttit, Jr., *Bishop-in-Residence*

The Reverend George M. Maxwell (1930-2016), *Rector Emeritus*

Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

### Vestry

William F. Wallace, M.D., *Senior Warden*

J. Ryan Chandler, *Junior Warden*

Mary E. Raines, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Jane F. Espy, *Treasurer*

Robert M. Davenport

M. Marie Dent, Ph.D.

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Catherine M. Gussler

Kelly O. Lancaster, Ph.D.

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Denton W. Stone

Andrew M. Wright

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