

The Twenty Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
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November 13, 2016



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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 E major</i>	Frank Bridge
Processional	Hymnal 594
<i>God of grace and God of glory</i>	Harry Emerson Fosdick
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-278
Collect of the Day	

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that  
we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### Word of God

First Lesson	Malachi 4:1-2a
Gradual Psalm 98 <i>Cantate Domino</i>	BCP 807
<i>Anglican chant by Francis Jackson</i>	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 482
<i>Lord of all hopefulness</i>	Jan Struther
Holy Gospel	Luke 21:5-19
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>With a voice of singing</i>	Martin Shaw
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	
Hymn 516 <i>Come down, O Love divine</i>	Bianco da Siena; tr. Richard F. Littledale
Hymn 490 <i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i>	Kathleen Thomerson
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 680
<i>O God, our help in ages past</i>	Isaac Watts
Postlude <i>Fugue in C major</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach

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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's Chapel.

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

## First Lesson

## Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evil-doers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

## Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

*Anglican chant by C. V. Stanford*

## BCP 727

Sung by the Choir

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

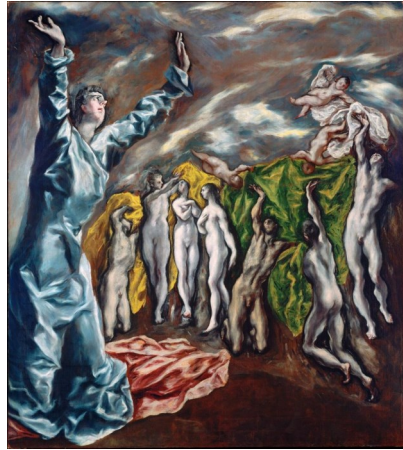
## Epistle

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.

For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.



*The Fifth Seal of the Apocalypse.* El Greco. 1608-1614. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.

## Gospel

## Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terri-

fied; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom



against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you

over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Paul Cézanne. *The Large Bathers*. 1898-1905. Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA.

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### Announcements

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

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Carl and Clemmie Wheeler and Sarah and Joe Tison by their family; and in memory of The Reverend Barbara Crampton, Gordon Crampton and Kelsey Crampton by Dave and Heather Crampton.

## Exciting Music Initiatives

In our "World is our Parish" strategic planning process we identified "Centered in Worship" as a core value of our congregation. Throughout the centuries, from John and Charles Wesley through F. Bland Tucker to today, we are keenly aware that music ministry is a vital part of who we are as a church. One of the stated priorities of our strategic plan is "increase support, financially and logistically, for our music ministry which is an integral part of our worship experience". We are excited to announce that Mrs. Emily Burch has agreed to serve as Choral Assistant at Christ Church. She will support Timothy Hall in all forms of music but will give special focus and intention to music with children. Her master's degree in Music Education with a focus on children and her extensive experience teaching children to sing will be joined together with her love of Christ Church. With Timothy Hall, she will be forming, creating, and leading a Children's Choir here at Christ Church.



The second music initiative is made possible by the generous donor. In the days ahead we will be forming a Choral Scholars Program. Selected area music students will be given an opportunity to live and sing among the members of our choir and study church music and ministry with Timothy Hall. These students will be given a modest scholarship toward their music education and will be shaped and formed by their experience in the music ministry of Christ Church. In the spirit of "The World is our Parish", these music students will eventually go forth from this place and will take with them the Christian experience as lived out at Christ Church and carry it forth into God's world. We will be truly blessed by both of these music ministry initiatives in the days, weeks, and years to come.

## Upcoming Dates and Events for November

- Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish House - Children's Activities for pre-k through 5th grade. Adult Forum "Leadership and Spirituality" and our lecturer will be Gary Radke - "Spirituality and Leadership in Curating

Art Exhibits.” Next Sunday, our adult forum lecturers will be Bill Haile and Margaret Miller.

- After today’s service from 12 noon-1 p.m. in the Parish House: Children's Choir Kickoff (lunch and rehearsal).
- November 13 from 12 noon - 1 p.m. EYC Lunch and Program "Making Difficult Decisions" with The Revs. Liam Collins and Michael White, and youth leaders.
- November 22 - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 6 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church (311 East Harris Street) on Troup Square.
- November 27th, the first Sunday of Advent, everyone is invited to join us in Wesley Hall at 9:30 for Advent Wreath making.
- Operation Paperback needs your help! With some 100 or more books being mailed out every month, your used paperbacks are always needed to lift the spirits of our troops at home and abroad. A marked basket in the Undercroft awaits!

### **Vestry Nominations for 2017**

Four individuals will be presented to the congregation at a later date for affirmation to become members of the vestry. These individuals and their biographical information are listed in the insert.

### **Christ Church Restorations Report**

The Vestry has recently approved a significant restoration effort in Christ Church’s ongoing goal of appropriately maintaining our beautiful historic church building. Please understand this is not a complete restoration, but an effort to maintain. All areas of concern cannot be immediately addressed, but we have tried to prioritize projects while maintaining our financial integrity. This will be an ongoing process. Our initial phase will be to replace the fire and intrusion alarm and repair a number of the windows in the Nave which have serious challenges. Our next (and primary) phase will be painting. On the exterior, we will paint the shrubbery curbing, the south and east sides of the church and portions of the north and west sides. On the interior, we will paint the chapel, undercroft, flower room, sacristy, narthex and portions of the Nave. The work will be done in stages over a period of approximately six months. We will make every effort not to interrupt our Sunday service schedule. Re-



scheduling some of the week-day activities may be required and we will keep you posted. This work may create dust, odors, noise, debris, inconvenience and at times frustration. We ask for your patience, cooperation, and prayers. The restoration effort will be managed by Denton Stone and Bill Haile together with the rector and wardens under the guidance of a professional architect and designer.

## **The Last Sunday after Pentecost-The Reign of Christ**

*November 20*

Next Sunday, November 20, the Feast of Christ the King, and certainly all of the lessons have images of kingship and rule, though not necessarily in expected forms. This

Sunday stands at the end of the long season after Pentecost as a summing up of what we've learned about Jesus Christ, and as an introduction to Advent. The first two lessons speak of the promise of good things for the righteous, but also invite us to thoughts of judgement. The king,



Jeremiah promises, will be raised up from David's line and a gentle shepherd while also being a judge and all-powerful ruler. Paul speaks of Jesus not only as head of the Church, but as ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, the one through whom all things were created. As today's Gospel shows us, Jesus' kingship is not of this world -- it is far bigger than that and more glorious. Jesus, the king who reigns from the cross, promises the repentant thief that they will be together in Paradise that very day. Jesus' journey to kingship was no easy endeavor. Our Lord had to learn humility through obedience to God's will -- obedience even unto death on a cross. Jesus is no ordinary king who rules over his subjects with absolute authority and power. He is the Suffering

Messiah, one who came into the world and dwelt among humanity, being tempted in all things without sin. Jesus earned his kingship by first becoming a servant of all. “If you want to become great,” he taught his disciples, “you must first become a servant.”

Ferdinand Hodler. *The Good Samaritan*. 1885. Kunsthau Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland

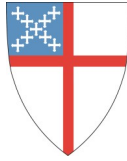
Photos from November 6, 2016—All Saint’s Sunday



Photos from October 30, 2016—24th Sunday after Pentecost







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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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John Thomas Gennuso

Catherine M. Gussler

Kelly O. Lancaster, Ph.D.

Ann Y. Miller

J. Kurt C. Oelschig

Denton W. Stone

Andrew M. Wright

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