

The Last Sunday after Pentecost:
Christ the King
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November 20, 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>Meditation</i>	Gabriel Dupont
Processional	Hymnal 494
<i>Crown him with many crowns</i>	Matthew Bridges
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-278
Collect of the Day	

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Gradual Psalm 46 <i>Deus noster refugium</i>	BCP 649
<i>Anglican chant by Martin Luther</i>	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	Colossians 1:11-20
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 483
<i>The head that once was crowned</i>	Thomas Kelly
Holy Gospel	Luke 23:33-43
Sermon	The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, <i>Deacon</i>

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

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Jesu, joy of man's desiring</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
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 324 <i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence</i>	Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie
Hymn 302 <i>Father, we thank thee</i>	F. Bland Tucker**
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 460
<i>Alleluia! sing to Jesus</i>	William Chatterton Dix
Postlude <i>Marche Triomphale</i>	Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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. Previous rectors of our parish include John Wesley, George Whitefield, F. Bland Tucker and George M. Maxwell.

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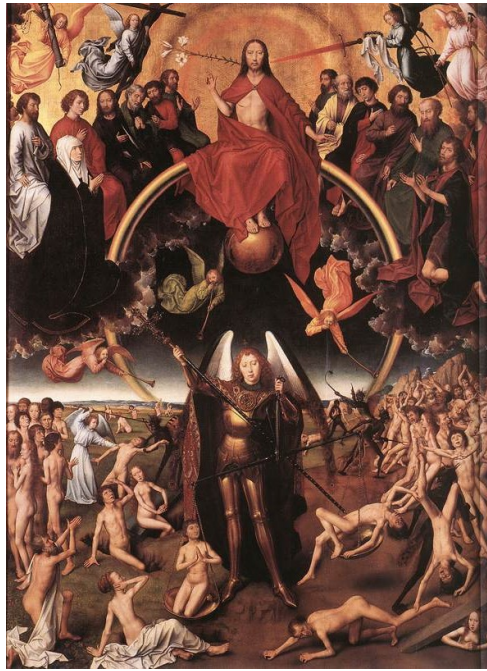
**F. Bland Tucker was Christ Church’s 37th rector and he served our parish from 1945-67.

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

First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you



for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Hans Memling's *Last Judgement*, c. late 1460s, National Museum, Gdańsk.

Psalm 46 *Deus noster refugium*
Anglican chant by C. V. Stanford

BCP 649
Sung by the Choir

1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *

and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Epistle

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have re-



demption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or

dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Stefan Lochner. *Last Judgement*, c. 1435. Wallraf-Richartz Museum, Cologne.

Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked

him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



Stefan Lochner, *Crucifixion*, 1445. Munich, Alte Pinakothek.

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Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The fruit on the altar is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Christ Church and its congregation by the clergy, wardens and vestry. The fruit will be donated to Emmaus House after the service.

Upcoming Dates and Events for November

- Today at 9:30 in the Parish House-Adult Forum "Leadership and Spirituality" and our lecturers will be Bill Haile (CEO) and Margaret Miller (HR Director) both retired from SunTrust Georgia. They will speak on "Leadership and People." This is the final forum for this calendar year. Many thanks to all who have participated in this exciting and meaningful series, and we look forward to continuing in the new year.
- Today our EYC (Middle and High School Youth Group) will meet at Frames and Games in Pooler for bowling from 3:00-4:30 pm. Please let Rev. Michael know if you are able to attend. On December 4, the EYC

will gather for lunch and program following the 10:30 service. Evening Eucharist at 6 p.m. led by The Rev. Liam Collins.

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- November 22 - Requiem Eucharist for The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shipp at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (34th and Abercorn Streets). Also, at 6 p.m. the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the Unitarian Universalist Church (311 East Harris Street) on Troup Square.
- Sunday, November 27th at 9:30, the First Sunday in Advent-All ages are invited to join us in Wesley Hall for Advent Wreath making.
- December 3 - All Saints Tybee invites you to participate in the Tybee Christmas parade with us on Saturday, December 3. We walk and ride through the parade dressed as shepherds, wise people, and angels following the holy family. We have a special guest appearing as the baby Jesus this year—Julia Mae Reyes! The parade starts at the pier and proceeds to the Tybee Y (by City Hall), where the festivities continue. For more info, contact Jane Bridges at 786-8862 or tybeebridges@gmail.com.
- December 4 - Evening Eucharist at 6 p.m.

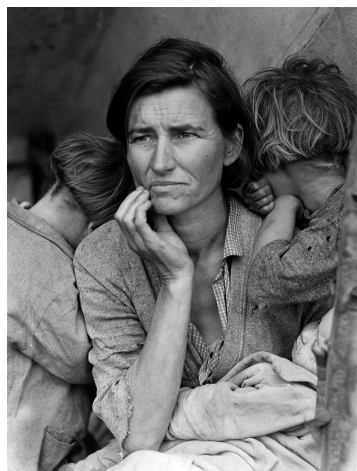
Christ Church Restorations Report

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

Today, 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."



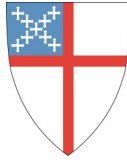
Migrant Mother, taken by Dorothea Lange in 1936.

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



Photos from November 13, 2016—28th 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*

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Andrew M. Wright

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