

The Fifth Sunday In Lent

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April 2, 2017



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10:15 a.m.—12:30 A.M.—Nursery (Parish House, 18 Abercorn Street)

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**8:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)**

Collect, Epistle, Psalm, Gospel and Sermon      BCP 323

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

**Entrance Rite**

Voluntary <i>Prelude on 'Martyrdom'</i>	C. Hubert Parry
Processional	Hymnal 414
<i>God, my King, thy might confessing</i>	Richard Mant
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Kyrie	Hymnal S-96
Collect of the Day	

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Word of God**

First Lesson	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Gradual Psalm 130 <i>De profundis</i>	BCP 784
Epistle	Romans 8:6-11
Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 516
<i>Come down, O Love divine</i>	Bianco da Siena; tr. Richard F. Littledale
Holy Gospel	John 11:1-45

Sermon	The Rev. Kelly Steele
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form I</i>	BCP 383
Confession	BCP 360
Peace	

## Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Ave verum corpus</i>	Edward Elgar
Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.	
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-130
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-164
Communion Music	Hymnal 314, 321
<i>Humbly I adore thee</i>	att. Thomas Aquinas
<i>My God, thy table now is spread</i>	Philip Doddridge and Isaac Watts
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 432
<i>O praise ye the Lord!</i>	Henry Williams Baker
Postlude <i>If thou but suffer God to guide thee</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach

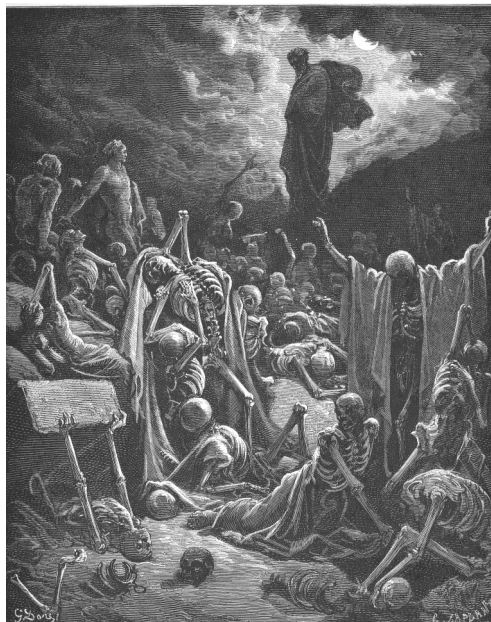
Christ Church is the "Mother Church of Georgia" and was founded on February 12, 1733. The current church building was constructed in 1838 and is the third one on the original site. Our mailing address is 18 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 (912-236-2500). Our website can be found at [www.christchurchsavannah.org](http://www.christchurchsavannah.org).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

\*Children ages PreK-5th grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel. Please process with the Cross at this time. Younger children are welcome to attend if they are accompanied by a parent.

## First Lesson

## Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say



to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will

bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

*Engraving of "The Vision of The Valley of The Dry Bones". Gustave Doré. 1866.*

**Gradual Psalm 130 *De profundis*      BCP 784**

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, \*  
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## Epistle

## Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

## Gospel

## John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and



wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it,

he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this



world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.



Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said

to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."



Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*The Resurrection Of Lazarus.* Henry Ossawa Tanner. 1896. Musee d'Orsay.

*The Raising of Lazarus.* Vincent Van Gogh. 1890. Van Gogh Museum.

*Resurrección de Lázaro.* Mauricio Garcia Vega.

## Announcements

### **Altar Flowers and Memorials**

The altar greens are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Susan Wolfe Harrison, by her family, Robbie Harrison, Eleanor and Peter Harrison Bregman, Isabelle, Sophia and Daniel Harrison Bregman, Andrew and Catherine Harrison Cobb, Margaret Harrison, Christopher Sanger, and Finn and Evie Greer; and in loving memory of Park Callahan by Aline Callahan and his family.

### **The “Lift High the Egg” Hunt will be here soon**

Though we are still in the midst of our Lenten practices and devotions, Easter morning is a comin'! On Easter morning at 9:30 a.m., Christ Church hosts the incredible "Lift High the Egg" Easter Egg Hunt. Weather permitting, adult and teen volunteers hide hundreds of candy-filled eggs on Reynolds Square. We also enjoy breakfast snacks and Easter crafts in the Emmaus Room of the Parish House as folks gather. Please begin to purchase plastic eggs and candy to donate. Feel free to go ahead and stuff the eggs or send them separate. Donations may be left in the Undercroft of the Church Office. If you would like to volunteer to help (bring food, help with set-up or clean-up, hide eggs) please contact our Assistant for Children and Family Ministries, the Rev. Helen White, at [helen.white@ccsavannah.org](mailto:helen.white@ccsavannah.org)

### **Today at Christ Church**

- **6:00 p.m. Evening Contemplative Eucharist.** The Rev. Liam G. Collins, celebrant. We invite and encourage you to come for this and the following two Sundays in Lent and experience the gift of God's transforming love for you. Come and discover how the prayer of the heart grounds your life in simplicity, stability and peace.

- **Summer Music Camp for Children** (pre-K through 5th grade). Tuesday thru Friday, May 30 - June 2, 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
- **Bruce Feiler in Savannah.** Savannah native and New York Times bestselling author Bruce Feiler will make two Savannah appearances to discuss and sign his new book The First Love Story: Adam, Eve and Us on April 2 at 2 p.m. at the Jewish Educational Alliance on Abercorn Street.

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 9 Palm Sunday	8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
April 12 Holy Wednesday (Chapel)	12 noon
April 13 Maundy Thursday	6 p.m.
April 14 Good Friday	12 noon, 5 p.m. (Children's Service) and 6 p.m.
Holy Saturday-The Great Vigil of Easter	8 p.m.
Easter Day-The Feast of the Resurrection	8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Easter Egg Hunt in Reynolds Square), and 10:30 a.m.

### Today's Preacher—The Rev. Kelly Steele

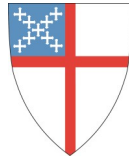
Christ Church welcomes the Rev. Kelly Steele as our preacher. The Rev. Steele works in young adult ministry (ages 18-35) for the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia. She also oversees Columba House Savannah, the diocesan residential leadership program, teaches Education for Ministry, and works to develop other ministry projects. She is a 2015 *summa cum laud* graduate of Duke Divinity School, Duke University in Durham as well as a 2012 *summa cum laud* graduate of Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, PA) and is a native of Pittsburgh, PA.

### Welcome, James Richardson

Organist/Choirmaster Timothy Hall is playing a recital at the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea in Palm Beach, Florida today. In his absence, the Rev. James C. Richardson is our guest organist. James is one of Savannah's most distinguished church musicians and organists, and served First Baptist Church for over four decades. An ordained minister, he is also a noted composer and author, and holds degrees in organ and sacred music from Carson-Newman College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Welcome, James!

Photos from March 26, 2017—Fourth Sunday in Lent





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

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend J. Sierra 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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