

The Second Sunday of Easter
Year A

April 23, 2017



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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>Andante sostenuto</i>	Charles-Marie Widor
Processional	Hymnal 205
<i>Good Christians, all, rejoice and sing!</i>	Cyril A. Alington
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-278
Collect of the Day	

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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	Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Gradual Psalm 16 <i>Conserua me, Domine</i>	BCP 599
Anglican chant by Edward C. Bairstown	Sung by the Parish Choir
Epistle	1 Peter 1:3-9
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 188
<i>Love's redeeming work is done</i>	Charles Wesley

Holy Gospel	John 20:19-31
Sermon	The Reverend Sierra Wilkinson Reyes, <i>Associate Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Doubting Thomas</i>	O filii et filiae, arr. Mark Schweizer
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 Anthem	Hymnal S-155
Holy Communion	
Hymn 209 <i>We walk by faith</i>	Henry Alford
Hymn 492 <i>Sind ye faithful</i>	Donald Fishell
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 208
<i>Alleluia! The strife is o'er</i>	Latin, 1695, tr. Francis Pott
Postlude Postlude in D major	Buryl Red

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. Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

*Children ages Pre-K-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.

First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 22-33

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*
Anglican chant by Edward C. Bairstown

BCP 599
Sung by the Parish Choir

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3-9

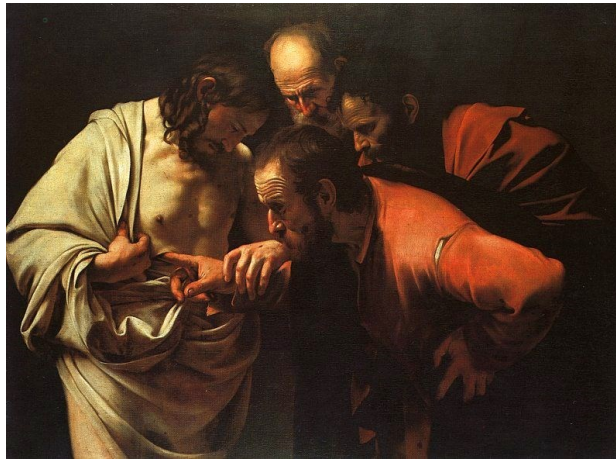
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this

you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel

John 20:1-18

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus



came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father

has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Incredulity of Saint Thomas. Caravaggio. 1601. Schloss Sanssouci, Potsdam.

Announcements

Upcoming Dates

- Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April, 23 and 30
 - Sunday, April 23 will be hosted by our Invite.Welcome.Connect Team. Please join us and share your thoughts on how we might continue and grow our efforts of reaching out in love to others.
 - Sunday, April 30 will be a return to our year long theme "Leadership and Spirituality". Christ Church member, Jim Moher will share his story of overcoming difficulties and his work with racial reconciliation. Children's activities and nursery will be provided.
- No evening Eucharist Service tonight. The service will resume on May 7 and 21 at 6 p.m.
- May 7 is "Youth and Children Sunday" followed by a Low Country Boil.
- May 25 is Ascension Day. Concert at 7 p.m. featuring Deux Voix
- May 30—June 2 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. is our popular "Summer Music Camp for Children" (pre-k through 5th grade).
- June 4 is the Day of Pentecost and we will also welcome The Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase for his annual visitation to our parish.

Lunch and Liturgy: Sunday, April 30th after 10:30 a.m. Service

An event for all youth and children, this is a wonderful formation experience that helps kids prepare for Youth and Children Sunday, the following week (Sunday, May 7th). All parents are welcome for lunch, and parents of PreK-2nd are requested to stay. Please RSVP to helen.white@ccesavannah.org.

May 7 is Youth and Children Sunday, Senior Recognition and Low-Country Boil (at Captain Butler's Retreat)

Following our May 7 Youth Sunday service, the entire congregation is invited for an afternoon of fellowship, food and fun. There will be our annual Cabbage Ball Spring Game and a delicious low country boil! All are welcome! Join us at Captain Butler's Retreat (115 Penrose Drive, Whitmarsh Island) following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 7. The cost of the low country boil is adults \$15, children 12 and under - \$5. All money will be collected at the event. Please RSVP to sierra.wilkinson@ccesavannah.org.

Good Stewards of our Past, Present and Future

The Christ Church Vestry recognizes our sacred calling to be good stewards of our beautiful historic property. The current church building was constructed in 1838 and is the third one on the original site. With the support of our endow-



ment fund, we have recently begun a major painting project for much of the interior and exterior of the church and replacement of identified deteriorating windows. The Narthex has been completed and the chapel should be finished within the next several weeks. You will shortly hear details regarding the restoration of our glorious Ascension Window. In consultation with one of the most well respected stained glass experts in the United States, we have determined the need for a major rebuilding, cleaning and preservation plan for this architectural center of our worship. The Ascension Window is attributed to Redding, Baird & Co. of Boston, MA and is executed in the Opalescent School of Design. This form of design is an American invention and its origins date to 1874 and the glass work of John La Farge. The Window was installed after Christ Church's interior was heavily damaged by fire in 1897 and it has not been touched since that time. At the base of the Window is a dedication to The Rt. Rev. Stephen Elliott, Christ Church's 27th rector and the first bishop of the Diocese of Georgia. It's an exciting time in the life of Christ Church!

Ascension Day Concert at Christ Church

May 25 at 7 p.m.

Join us on May 25 at 7 p.m. at Christ Church for an Ascension Day concert featuring Deux Voix! The concert celebrates not only the ascension of our Lord but also the restoration of Christ Church's famed Ascension Window. Admission is free. Special offerings will be accepted and will go towards the window's restoration.

Photos from Easter Day—April 16, 2017

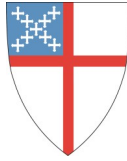


Photos from Easter Day-April 16, 2017



Photos from Palm Sunday-April 9, 2017





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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*

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