

The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Year B

April 29, 2018



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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>Andantino</i>	Denis Bédard
Processional	Hymnal 494
<i>Crown him with many crowns</i>	<i>Diademata</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Acts 8:26-40
Gradual Psalm 22:24-30 <i>Deus, Deus meus</i>	BCP 612
Anglican chant by Samuel Sebastian Wesley	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	1 John 4:7-21
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 379
<i>God is Love, let heaven adore him</i>	<i>Abbot's Leigh</i>
Holy Gospel	John 15:1-8
Sermon	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>

Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
The Peace	

### Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Christ hath a garden</i>	Gerald Near
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**	
<i>Pie Jesu (Blessed Jesus)</i>	Andrew Lloyd Webber
Emily Burch, soprano    Jamie Cartright, mezzo soprano	
Hymn 577 <i>God is love, and where true love is</i>	<i>Ubi caritas (Murr</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 390
<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	<i>Lobe den Herren</i>
Postlude <i>Allegro maestoso (Sonata II)</i>	Felix Mendelssohn

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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.

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.

\*\*All Christians are invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

## First Lesson

## Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the



Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He

asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went

down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Herman Naiwincx. *Baptism of the Ethiopian Eunuch*. 1623. Musée du Louvre.

**Psalm 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus*      BCP 612**

Anglican chant by Samuel Sebastian Wesley Sung by the Choir

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not



that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for

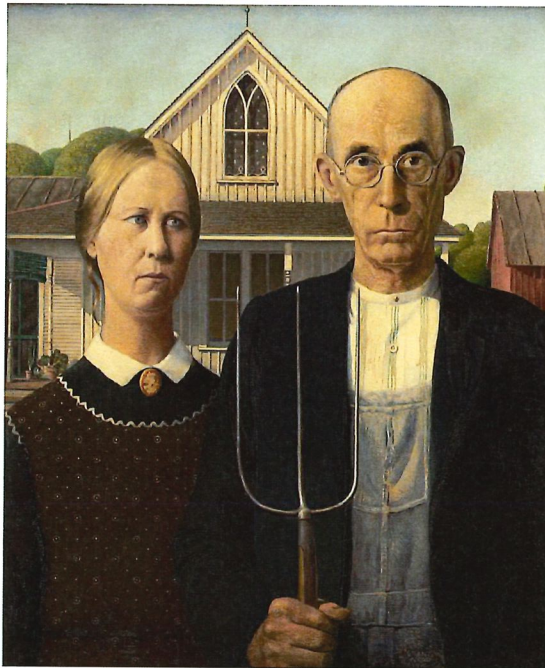
those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Christ vrai cep.* 16th century Greek icon.

## Gospel

## John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



Grant Wood. *American Gothic*, 1930. The Art Institute of Chicago.

## Announcements

### **Altar Flowers and Memorials**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Platt by Audrey Platt; and in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the Rt. Rev. Albert Rhett Stuart, 6th Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia, who called us to Georgia and in celebration of the 54th anniversary of Henry I. Louttit's ordination to the sacred order of priests at Christ Church, Savannah on the Feast of St. Mark, April 25, 1964.

### **Thank you Leslie Parker!**

If you have called or stopped by the Christ Church office during the past six years, you have most likely had the pleasure of engaging our Parish Adminis-

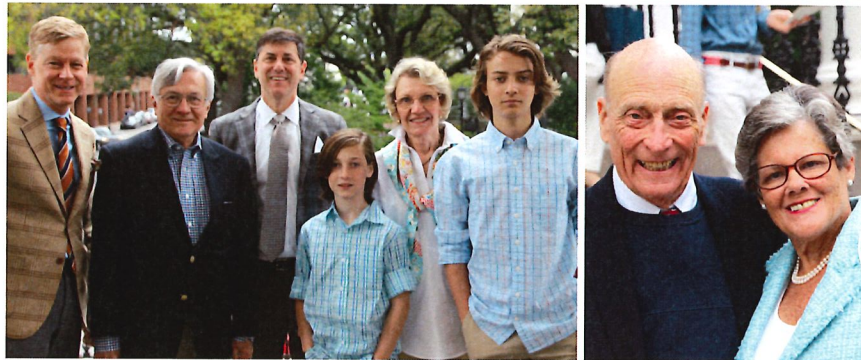
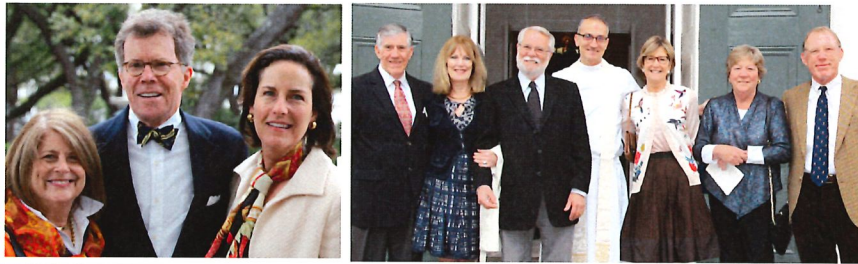


trator, Leslie Parker. Leslie faithfully offers a friendly presence of welcome and hospitality, supporting the active life of the congregation through her administrative work. During these six years, Christ Church has continued to expand in membership, ministry opportunities, and staff, and Leslie's role has grown and expanded to keep up with our growing parish.

After a long and fruitful ministry, Leslie's husband, the Rev. James Parker, has recently retired as the Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in Savannah. Leslie and Jim have purchased a home in the Augusta, Georgia area, and they are excited to live closer to the children and grandchildren there. Thursday, May 4 will be Leslie's final day at the church office. Please join us all in giving thanks to Leslie for her faithful service to Christ Church, and to The Rev. James Parker and Leslie for their years of service to the Episcopal Church in Savannah. They will be missed.



Photos from April 8, 2018—The Second Sunday of Easter

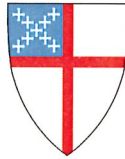


Photos from Easter Day-April 1, 2018



Photos from April 15, 2018—The Third Sunday of Easter





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The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, D. Min., *Bishop of Georgia*  
The Reverend Michael S. White, *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*  
Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*  
Samantha K. McKean, *Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Ministries*  
Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

**Vestry**

Mary E. Raines, *Senior Warden*; Denton W. Stone, *Junior Warden*;  
Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Catherine M. Gussler, *Treasurer*;  
Bertice B. Berry, Ph.D.; Spencer R. Burch; Michael M. Franck; Laura C. Lawton;  
Karen H. Oelschig; Gary M. Radke, Ph.D.; William H. Wallace, M.D.; Andrew M.  
Wright; and Louise E. Wyche

**Sundays**

8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (September—May)

Sunday School and Nursery are located on the 2nd Floor of the Parish House,  
18 Abercorn Street. Nursery begins at 9:15 a.m. when Sunday School is in session and  
at 10:15 a.m. on other Sundays.

**Wednesdays 12 Noon**

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in the Chapel

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The telephone number is 912-236-2500 and the office hours are

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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