

The Second Sunday of Easter  
Year B

April 8, 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>Prelude</i>	Burl Red
Processional	Hymnal 208
<i>Alleluia! The strife is o'er</i>	<i>Victory</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 299
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 4:32-35
Gradual Psalm 133 <i>Ecce, quam bonum!</i>	BCP 787
Anglican chant by Richard Farrant	Sung by the Parish Choir
Epistle	1 John 1:1-2:2
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 209
<i>We walk by faith</i>	<i>St. Botolph</i>
Holy Gospel	John 20:19-31
Sermon	The Reverend Liam G. Collins <i>Assistant for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life</i>

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

*Kellen Webster Bray*

Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304
Prayers for the Candidate	BCP 305
Baptismal Hymn	Hymnal 490
<i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i>	<i>Houston</i>
Thanksgiving over the Water	BCP 306
The Baptism	BCP 307

### Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Doubting Thomas</i>	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 341 <i>For the bread which you have given</i>	<i>Omni die</i>
Hymn 178 <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i>	<i>Alleluia No. 1</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 492
<i>Sing ye faithful</i>	<i>Finnian</i>
Postlude <i>Postlude</i>	Buryl Red

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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 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!***

Anglican chant by Richard Farrant

**BCP 787**

Sung by the Parish Choir

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**Epistle**

**1 John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son



cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*The Incredulity of Saint Thomas.* Caravaggio. 1601-1602. Sanssouci, Potsdam.

## Gospel

## John 20:19-31

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 St. Thomas (Rockox Triptych)*. Peter Paul Rubens. 1613-1615. Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Antwerp, Belgium.

## Announcements

### **The Holy Baptism of Kellen Webster Bray**

Today, Kellen Webster Bray will receive the sacrament of holy baptism and be marked as Christ's own forever. Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. Christian initiation is accomplished by three sacraments together: Baptism which is the beginning of new life; Confirmation which is its strengthening; and the Eucharist which nourishes the disciple with Christ's Body and Blood for his transformation in Christ. Kellen's parents are Lucy Webster Bray and Randale Monroe Bray and they were married at Christ Church in 2014. The godparents are Julia Webster Salatino and Jeffrey Wilson. Kellen's grandmother, Polly Webster, serves on Christ Church's altar guild and as an usher.

### **Altar Flowers and Memorials**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Park Callahan by Aline Callahan; 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 and Margaret Harrison and Finn and Evie Jane Greer; in loving memory of Celia and Bernard Williams and Barbara Dasher by Celia and Larry Dunn; and in thanksgiving for our Christ Church family by Lila and Dale Critz.

### **Christ Church Welcomes New Members**

It is with great joy that we celebrate those among us who have formally transferred their membership to Christ Church during the months of January, February, and March of 2018. Listed below are our new members and the city of their previous church from which they are transferring their membership to Christ Church.

- Pamela Crenshaw and Sophia Stanbridge from Bluffton, South Carolina
- Kathy Doyle and Evelyn Doyle from Washington, D.C.
- Henry and Nanette Eisenhart from Statesboro, Georgia
- Donald and Jane Furtado from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
- Elizabeth Hancock from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

- Robert and Hester Hodde from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
- Stuart Hubbard from Tampa, Florida
- Jim, Stephanie, Jennifer and Jamie Lindley from Savannah, Georgia
- Charles and Ruth Perry from Atlanta, Georgia
- Catherine Renner from Woodbridge, Virginia
- Stan Houle and Lynda Roades from Arlington, Virginia
- Kate Grinalds, Josh Weisner, and Boone Weisner from Atlanta, Georgia
- Stephen and Janice Smith from Indianapolis, Indiana

If you would like more information on how to officially join Christ Church, please contact the rector at [michael.white@ccesavannah.org](mailto:michael.white@ccesavannah.org) or the church office at 912-236-2500.

### **Christ Church's 2018 Confirmation Class**

Over the past ten weeks and led by Christ Church's assistant for youth and young adult ministries Samantha McKean, ten young people from our congregation have taken part in a confirmation class called Confirm not Conform, or CnC for short. Harris Brown, Ryan and Jack Chandler, Adair Garrett, Sidney Wells and Eloise Logan, Stella Oelschig, Rachel Reineri, Michael Slatinsky, and Ella Stone all participated. During the course, the youth were invited to ask questions, challenge assumptions, and do the risky business of discovering what they truly believe. They were asked to confirm for themselves that their baptismal vows were something they were willing to take on, rather than mindlessly conforming to the faith passed down to them. During our last session together last Sunday, each youth made the decision to move forward with confirmation. Each young person had a mentor to guide them along the way. Becky Cheatham, Sarah Jones, Margaret Miller, Jim Pember, and Janet Stone--each of whom mentored two confirmands--did an amazing job sharing their wisdom, listening to questions, and demonstrating the power of Christian community through a relationship of love and concern. Another highlight of the class included a weekend trip to Honey Creek, where the class tried out new methods of prayer, ventured onto the high ropes course, and even wrote their own Creed. The confirmation service will take place on November 4, 2018, the Sunday after All Saints' Day.



Photos from Easter Day-April 1, 2018



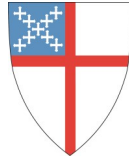
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The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, D. Min., *Bishop of Georgia*  
The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*  
The Reverend Helen S. White, *Assistant for Children and Family Ministries*  
The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Assistant for Pastoral Care 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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Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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