

The Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday
Year A

April 9, 2017



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10:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.—Nursery (Parish House, 18 Abercorn Street)

The Liturgy of the Palms

Introit <i>Hosanna!</i>	Timothy L. Hall
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 270
Appointed Lesson	Matthew 21:1-11
Entrance Hymn	Hymnal 154

All glory, laud and honor Theodulph of Orleans tr. John Mason Neale

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Passion

First Lesson	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Gradual Psalm 31:9-16 <i>In te, Domine, speravi</i>	BCP 623
<i>Plainsong, Tone II.1</i>	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	Philippians 2:5-11
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 435
<i>At the name of Jesus</i>	Caroline Maria Noel
Holy Gospel	Matthew 26:36-27:66
Nicene Creed	BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form I	BCP 383
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>When I survey the wondrous cross</i>	Gilbert M. Martin
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	
Agnus Dei <i>Jesus, Lamb of God</i>	Hymnal S-164
Communion	
<i>The Ground (Pleni sunt coeli)</i>	Ola Gjeilo
Hymn 158 <i>Ah, holy Jesus</i>	Johann Heerman; tr. Robert S. Bridges
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 168
<i>O sacred head, sore wounded</i>	Paul Gerhardt; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges and James Waddell Alexander
Postlude <i>Litanies</i>	Jehan Alain

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. After the service, join us in the Undercroft for a reception. 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

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi* **BCP 623**

Plainsong, Tone II:I

Sung by the Choir

9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.



And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Morgan Kuhn. *The Passion*. 2013. Private Collection.

Gospel

Matthew 26:36-27:66

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Announcements

Altar Flower Thanksgivings, Memorials and Tributes

The palms on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the clergy, staff, vestry and congregation of Christ Church by the Flower Guild and in loving memory of Celia and Bernard Williams and Barbara Dasher by Celia and Larry Dunn.

Good Friday Children's Service—April 14 at 5 p.m.

Interactive Stations of the Cross

Christ Church's Holy Week services will include an interactive Stations of the Cross during Good Friday, April 14 at 5pm. The interactive Stations will allow all generations to use their five senses as we journey alongside Christ to the Cross. If you have not yet experienced the Stations of the Cross or if it is your annual Holy Week tradition, this will be a meaningful multigenerational experience. Services for adults will be at 12 noon and 6 p.m.

Easter Vigil Eucharist - April 15 at 8 p.m.

The Easter Vigil is an ancient practice of the church marked by the dramatic transition as we journey from the darkness of Holy Week to the light of the Risen Christ in Easter. All are welcome to come worship and be among the first to celebrate the Resurrection at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 15 at 8 p.m.

Holy Week Services and Easter Offerings

Easter Day-April 16

- Christ Church Easter Egg Hunt. On Easter Sunday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m. all are invited to gather in Wesley Hall for our annual Easter Egg hunt. We will have jazz music, breakfast foods and children's crafts as folks arrive. Then, the children will be released by age groups to hunt eggs in Reynolds Square. We need lots of plastic eggs stuffed with candy,



The poster features a circular seal on the left with a white lamb and a red cross, surrounded by the text "CHRIST CHURCH • EPISCOPAL • SAVANNAH • GEORGIA • 1753". To the right of the seal, the text "HOLY WEEK SERVICES" is written in large blue letters. Below this, the schedule is listed in blue and black text, with a small red and white cross icon to the right. At the bottom, a grey bar contains the website and phone number.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY | THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY
12 Noon | Children's Service 5:00 p.m. | 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY | THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 8:00 p.m.

EASTER DAY | FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION
8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

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stickers, and other goodies. Please leave the eggs in the Undercroft, Narthex or deliver to the Church Office during office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.). If you would like to help with the event, please contact the Rev. Helen White at helen.white@ccsavannah.org.

- Flowering of the Cross. In early Christian art, the cross was sometimes shown covered with flowers representing life and resurrection. A modern expression of this idea is found in the custom of flowering the cross. On Easter morning, flowers are used to decorate a bare cross. This year, a cross will be set up on our church's front porch. You are invited to bring cut flowers from your garden in thanksgiving for the risen Christ. This can also be an opportunity for families to talk about the meaning of the cross and the resurrection. Please bring flowers to church on Easter morning

Palm Sunday

Early in the morning of this day, Jesus sets out for Jerusalem, leaving Mary His Mother, and the two sisters Martha and Mary Magdalene, and Lazarus, at Bethania. Thus begins the glorious mystery which ushers in Holy Week. As



we bless the palms, we observe a sacred rite which is full of instruction and which is designed to sanctify our souls. We then process with palms in hand to recount Jesus' journey to Jerusalem as we sing "Hosanna" to him—the conqueror of death and the liberator of His people. The acclamation of the multitude of disciples,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Luke 2:38a), which is a quote from Psalm 118:26, is the usual greeting for Passover pilgrims entering Jerusalem, except that the word "king" has been added. The second half of the acclamation, "Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" (Luke 2:

38b), is an echo of the *Gloria in excelsis Deo* that the heavenly host sang at the birth of Jesus in Luke 2. The procession then closes upon the entry into the church wherein the moment turns to one of sorrow and mourning. The portions sung by the choir are expressive of the deepest desolation; and the history of our Lord's Passion, which is now to be read by anticipation, gives to the rest of the day that character of saved gloom, which we all know so well.



L'entrata in Gerusalemme. Giotto. 1305. Scrovegni (Arena) Chapel, Padua, Italy.

The Passion. Alexandro Santana. 2017. Private Collection.

Upcoming Dates

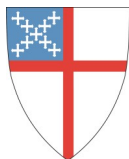
- Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April, 23 and 30
 - Sunday, April 23 will be hosted by our Invite.Welcome.Connect Team. Please join us and share your thoughts on how we might continue and grow our efforts of reaching out in love to others.
 - Sunday, April 30 will be a return to our year long theme "Leadership 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 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).

Photos from April 2, 2017—The Fifth 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*

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