

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Year B

May 13, 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>All hail the power of Jesus' Name</i>	<i>Alec Rowley</i>
Processional	Hymnal 214
<i>Hail the day that sees him rise</i>	<i>Llanfair</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Gradual Psalm 1 <i>Beatus vir qui non abiit</i>	BCP 585
Anglican chant by Gerre Hancock	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	1 John 5:9-13
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 483
<i>The head that once was crowned</i>	<i>St. Magnus</i>
Holy Gospel	John 17:6-19

Sermon	The Rev. Patricia Rhoads Davis, <i>Deacon</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
The Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Come, my way, my truth, my life</i>	<i>Eugene Butler</i>
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**	Hymnal 382, 341
<i>King of glory, King of peace</i>	<i>General Seminary</i>
<i>For the bread which you have broken</i>	<i>Omni die</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 460
<i>Alleluia, Sing to Jesus</i>	<i>Hyfrydol</i>
Postlude <i>Hail the day that sees him rise</i>	<i>Gilbert M. Martin</i>

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.

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 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered



among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of

these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Peter Paul Rubens. *St. Matthias*. 1611. Museo del Prado, Madrid, Spain.

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

Anglican chant by Gerre Hancock

BCP 585

Sung by the Choir

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Epistle

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel

John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I

am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might



be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Jesus Prays. Holy Trinity Cathedral. Mutare, Zimbabwe. 2012.

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Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Julie and E.J. Benton, Evelyn and Barrett Gilbert, Emily and Joy Benton, and in celebration of Aline Callahan's birthday by the Benton, Morgan and Haenel families; in loving memory of Susan Strobhar Dulany by her family and Otto and Comer Immel; and in thanksgiving for Mom, Mimi, Janet and Aunt Lora.

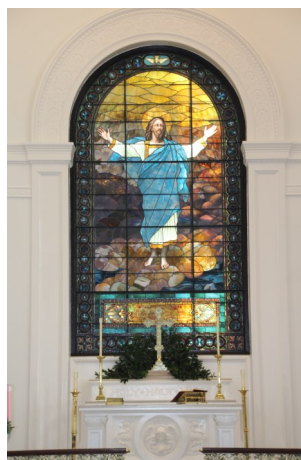
Bon Anniversaire, Aline Callahan!

Today, we will have a special celebration for Aline Callahan, a true “grand dame” of our church and one who epitomizes grace and dignity. Aline, the daughter of French parents from Savoie, France, turned 97 years old on May 9 and was born in then-French Morocco in 1921. Her father was a physician who established free tuberculosis dispensaries throughout Morocco and later became the Sultan’s personal physician. Aline attended a Catholic boarding school in Grenoble, France and later the Lycee Francais in Rabat, Morocco until the outbreak of World War II. She has two daughters, three grandsons and three great-grandchildren. At the time of her husband Park’s death in 2016, they had been married for close to 48 years. They moved to Savannah in 1978 and Aline was confirmed as an Episcopalian shortly thereafter at Christ Church by Bishop Paul Reeves.



Ascension Day

May 10 marked one of the most important days of the Christian year: Ascension Day which occurs on the fortieth day of the Easter season and which marks the conclusion of Jesus’ post-resurrection appearances and his ascension into heaven. Celebration of this holy day dates back at least to the late 4th century, and scriptural references to Jesus’ ascension occur in both The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Mark. The Ascension of Jesus is also professed in the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed: “He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father” (Book of Common Prayer, pp.120, 358). The Ascension is an important theme in Christian art, the ascending Jesus often shown blessing an earthly group below him to signify his blessing the entire church. By the 6th century the iconography of the Ascension had been established and by the



9th century Ascension scenes were being depicted on domes of churches.

Many ascension scenes have two parts, an upper (heavenly) part and a lower



(earthly) part. The ascending Christ may be carrying a resurrection banner or make a sign of benediction with his right hand. The blessing gesture by Christ with his right hand is directed towards the earthly group below him and signifies that he is blessing the entire Church. In the left hand, he may be holding a Gospel or a scroll, signifying teaching and preaching. Christ Church's Ascension Window follows this same tradition. The window, a central architectural feature of the church, is executed in the Opalescent School of Design whose origins date to circa 1874 and the glass work of

John La Farge and Louis Comfort Tiffany. Christ Church's window was attributed to Redding, Baird & Co. of Boston, Massachusetts who borrowed extensively from the techniques employed by Tiffany. Last December, Christ Church completed the first restoration of the window since its installment in 1889. Arthur J. Femenella of Femenella Associates led the restoration project. The Collect for Ascension Day is: *Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

Benjamin West. *The Ascension*. 1801. Denver Museum of Art, Denver, CO.

Welcome James C. Richardson

We are happy to welcome the Rev. James C. Richardson as our guest organist in Timothy Hall's absence. James served as Minister of Music and Worship at Savannah's First Baptist Church for over four decades, is a published composer of choral and organ music and author of numerous articles in professional journals. He is an honor graduate of Carson-Newman College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Congratulations, Seniors

Christ Church congratulates its graduating seniors to which we proclaim, “Gaudeamus igitur!” (“So let us rejoice!”) Our graduates are:

- Clay Bush—Graduating from Savannah Arts Academy and will be attending the University of Georgia.
- Rivers Hall—Graduating from Savannah Country Day School and will be attending the College of Charleston.
- Gena Hill—Graduating from St. Andrew's School and will be attending the University of Georgia.
- Colson Sapp—Graduating from St. Andrew's School and will be attending Georgia Southern University.



The Day of Pentecost—May 20

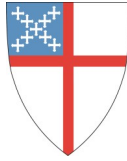
On May 20 we mark the end of the Great 50 Days of Easter with the Feast of Pentecost, which celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the infant church. “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak” (Acts 2.4). At Pentecost, we celebrate the gift God gives us of being able to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the various languages of the whole human world. The Gospel is not the property of any one group, any one culture or history, but is what God intends for the salvation of all who will listen and respond. The peace of Christ is an energy driven by love that reorders all things according to God’s desire, not our own. “We have the mind of Christ” says St. Paul (I Cor. 2.16); and, as the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople has recently written, this means that we must have a 'kenotic', a self-emptying approach to each other in the Church. May the Spirit create this in us daily and lead us into that wholeness of truth which is only to be found in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus.

Photos from May 6, 2018—The Sixth 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*

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 Church building is located at 28 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

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

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

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Christ Church, the "Mother Church of Georgia," was founded on February 12, 1733 and is a member of the Diocese of Georgia which, in turn, is one of 110 Dioceses which composes The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and abroad. The Episcopal Church is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury. The fellowship upholds and propagates the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.