

The First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday
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May 27, 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>Kyrie, God the Holy Spirit (BWV 671)</i>	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
Processional	Hymnal 362
<i>Holy, holy, holy!</i>	<i>Nicaea</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Isaiah 6:1-8
Gradual Psalm 29 <i>Afferte Domino</i>	BCP 620
Epistle	Romans 8:12-17
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 371
<i>Thou, whose almighty word</i>	<i>Moscow</i>
Holy Gospel	John 3:1-17

Sermon	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory	
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 337, 324
<i>And now, O Father, mindful of the love</i>	<i>Unde et memores</i>
<i>Let all the mortal flesh keep silence</i>	<i>Picardy</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 368
<i>Holy Father, great Creator</i>	<i>Regent Square</i>
Postlude <i>Chorale (Op. 37, No. 4)</i>	<i>Joseph Jongen</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

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and



said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And

I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Thomas Cole. *The Pilgrim of the Cross at the End of His Journey*. 1846. Smithsonian American Museum of Art, Washington, D.C.

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

BCP 620

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Epistle

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When

we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has



come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time

into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Henry Ossawa Tanner. *Nicodemus Visiting Jesus*. 1899. Philadelphia Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthdays of the Rev'ds Michael and Helen White; in celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Dale and Bill Wallace; and in thanksgiving for Annika and Anna's anniversary and for the birthdays of Dan and Annika by the Bockius-Suwyn family.

Catherine Gussler, Director of Administration

The vestry, wardens, and rector are pleased to announce that, as of June 14, Catherine Gussler will join the Christ Church staff as Director of Administration. A life-long communicant of our parish, Catherine is ideally suited for this new role. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Vanderbilt University and has taught AP Biology at the Savannah Country Day School for many years. She is also a CPA, has served on the board for Emmaus House and works for several non-profit groups in Savannah. She was baptized and confirmed at Christ Church and, in 1985, she and her husband Joe were married here. They have two grown children: Caroline and Walker. Catherine has already been assisting with the general management of our facilities, creating and updating our website and, as treasurer, monitoring our finances. As our church has grown, so has the need to formalize our operational structure. This new structure will allow the rector and other clergy to devote more time to priestly leadership and ministry. In calling Catherine to this new role, the vestry is mindful of our church's policy not to hire parishioners for church staff positions; however,



given Catherine's unique talents and the immediate obligations of our church, the vestry believes she is the ideal person for this position. At the June 13 vestry meeting, a new treasurer will be elected, and Catherine will officially begin her new role of service and ministry to our church. Please join us in giving thanks to God and to Catherine for this exciting opportunity which will offer stable and capable support to all aspects of our congregation's life and ministry.

Today is Seersucker Sunday!

It is no accident that the Second Sunday of Pentecost and Seersucker Sunday are joined together this liturgical year and celebrated throughout all of Christendom. The Feast of St. Seersucker began many centuries ago when an English missionary traveled by mule to Persia and India to convert the non-believers. When he arrived in various villages along the way, he was greeted by throngs of people who waved an unknown fabric of smooth and rough stripes and shouted, "Shir-o-shekar! Shir-o-Shekar!" which means, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the summer suit!" To honor St. Seersucker, we wear our seersucker best and give thanks for this early missionary of our church.

Remembering Lt. John Helm Maclean

July 31, 1921-July 21, 1944

This Memorial Weekend we remember Lt. John Helm Maclean who was a life-long member of Christ Church and who died in the service of our country during World War II. Lt. Maclean grew up in Savannah and attended the Pape School (now Savannah Country Day), the Ashville School, The Hill School and Yale University where he was Phi Beta Kappa and the Editor of the Yale Daily News. After graduating from Yale in 1943, he was assigned to the 400th Field Artillery Battalion. He rose to the rank of 1st Lt. and in 1944 was sent first to England and then to Utah Beach on July 20 that year. While on patrol, one of his soldiers stepped on a mine and Lt. Maclean was killed in the explosion. He is buried with 9,347 others including four women at the Colleville-sur-Mer American Cemetery on the bluff above Omaha Beach. John was survived by his mother Emily Mariott Maclean, his older brother Malcolm R. Maclean (the mayor of Savannah from 1960-66 and a life-long member of Christ Church until his death in 2001), his sister-in-law Frances Maclean (who is a member of our church as well) and his niece and nephew

John and Nancy Maclean. Lt. Maclean's name is listed on the Christ Church World War II memorial plaque which hangs on the south wall of our church. Below are additional photos including ones recently taken at Omaha Beach as Margaret Miller holds the Christ Church Seal over Lt. Maclean's grave.



The Feast of the Visitation—May 31

May 31 marks another significant day in the life of the church: the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Begun by St. Bonaventure among the Franciscans in A.D. 1263, it became a universal Feast in 1389, during the papacy of Urban VI. The Feast commemorates the visit of Mary with Elizabeth as recorded in the Gospel of Luke (Lk 1:39-56). Mary is pregnant with Jesus and Elizabeth is pregnant with John the Baptist. Our sages tell us that when Mary approached Elizabeth, John became aware of the presence of his Divine Savior; he leapt for joy even though he was still in his mother's womb. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages. It is also at this point, in response to Elizabeth's remark, that Mary proclaims the Magnificat (My soul doth magnify the Lord), (Luke 1:46-55), for which this canticle has traditionally been reserved for this feast day.



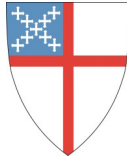
Alexandro Santana. *The Magnificat*. 1977. Private collection.

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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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