

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year B

May 6, 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>Jesus loves me</i>	arr. William B. Clarke
Processional	Hymnal 174
<i>At the Lamb's high feast</i>	<i>Salzburg</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 10:44-48
Gradual Psalm 98 <i>Cantate Domino</i>	See Insert
Epistle	1 John 5:1-6
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 529
<i>In Christ there is no East or West</i>	<i>McKee</i>
Holy Gospel	John 15:9-17

Sermon

Samantha K. McKean, Sidney Wells Logan,
Rachel Reineri and Michael Slatinsky

Council of CnC Creed

We believe in God,
the True Being who created heaven and earth
and everything on earth.
Everything that God created is a gift,
and we are part of God's creation.
God made us and loves us,
watches and us protects us,
and forgives us infinitely.

We believe in Jesus,
the Son of God,
who is truly human and truly God.
Jesus is our Savior and guides us.
He was perfect and did not sin.
He preached the news of God.
He was crucified for us.
He rose from the dead
and ascended into heaven,
a timeless, perfect place full of light.
He built the Church through the Apostles.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the presence of God and Jesus,
who guides us and looks out for us.
We believe that when we give in to temptation
and sin in thought, word, or deed,
and we are pushed away from God,
God is always there to give us
a clean slate,
a second chance,
a new beginning.
Amen.

Prayers of the People
The Peace

See Insert

Holy Communion

Offertory *Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant us Peace)*
Doxology
Great Thanksgiving, *Eucharistic Prayer A*

Frances T. Sinclair
Hymnal 380, v. 3
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 705, 711
<i>As those of old their first fruits brought</i>	<i>Forest Green</i>
<i>Seek ye first</i>	<i>Seek Ye First</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 416
<i>For the beauty of the earth</i>	<i>Dix</i>
Postlude <i>Hymn to Joy</i>	Michael Burkhardt

About the “Council of Confirm not Conform (‘CnC’) Creed”

Back in February, the Confirmation class went on a weekend-long retreat to Honey Creek. Though the weekend was chock-full of shenanigans (as any good retreat should be), the group also did some hard work exploring the Christian faith. One night we delved into the Nicene Creed. We talked about the intense rivalries and debates that culminated in the Council of Nicea, which finally produced, after several years, the lines of the Creed we speak each Sunday. Then the class was then asked to hold their own council. Each youth, temporarily promoted to “Bishop,” contributed his or her own opinions about what did and did not belong in a statement of belief. It took some gavel-banging of our own--and a whole lot of “yays” and “nays”--but in the end, they drafted the creed we are now saying as a congregation this morning. Every word of it is their own.

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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. 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 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.



William H. Johnson, *I Baptize Thee*, ca. 1940, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

Psalm 98 Cantate Domino

See insert

BCP 727

Epistle

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,



just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has

greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Above: William H. Johnson, *Sowing*, ca. 1940, Smithsonian American Art Museum.

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Announcements

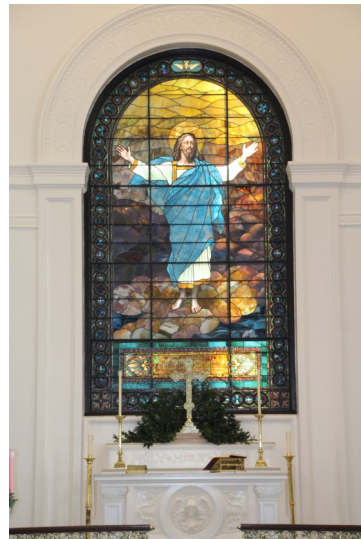
Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Isabella Alston and Albert Rhett Stuart, and Jerry H. Reeves III, by Isabella and Jerry Reeves, IV and family.

Ascension Day

May 10 marks 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.

Dosso Dossi. *Ascension of Christ*. 1520.

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Celebrating Youth and Children Sunday

Each year on the first Sunday in May, Christ Church celebrates Youth and Children Sunday. Such a celebration follows the biblical commandment found in Matthew's gospel (19:14) where Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Today's Youth and Children Sunday participants are:

- Ushers: (Led by Kelly Lancaster) Turner Swan, Liam Germany, Thomas Wallace and Mollie Dugas
- Photography: (Led by Mills Fleming) Oliver Truex
- Flowers: (Led by McKenzie Lynah and Jess Truex) Oliver Truex, Garrett Wright, Harlan Lerch, Crawford Lerch, Gwen Blalock, Anna Reeves, Jacob Reeves, Clementine Larvan and Keating Taylor

- Altar Guild: (Led by Janet Stone and Dale Wallace) Carrie Reeves, Finn Taylor, Jack Lerch and Kellen Blalock
- Psalm: Edward Wallace, Liza Swan and Anneliese Germany
- Lectors: (Led by Montie Acuff) Blake Huennekens and Mitchell Huennekens
- Adult Choir: Jay White
- Prayers of the People: Sidney Wells Logan, Stella Oelschig, Smith McGinn, Mitchell Huennekens, Blake Huennekens and Eloise Logan
- Sermon: Sidney Wells Logan, Michael Slatinsky and Rachel Reineri
- Nicene Creed: Sidney Wells Logan, Rachel Reineri, Michael Slatinsky, Harris Brown, Stella Oelschig and Ella Stone
- Offertory Anthem: Youth Choir
- Acolytes: Boone Weisner, Ella Stone, Stella Oelschig, Christian Oelschig, Smith McGinn, Tommy Taylor and Liza Swan

Congratulations, Seniors

Christ Church congratulates its graduating seniors to which we proclaim, “Gaudeamus igatur!” (“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.

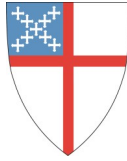


Photos from April 29, 2018—The Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

Christ Church's office address is 18 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

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.

www.christchurchsavannah.org

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.