

Trinity Sunday

Year A

June 11, 2017



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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>	Johann Sebastian Bach
Processional	Hymnal 362
<i>Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!</i>	Reginald Heber
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	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8 <i>Domine, Dominus noster</i>	BCP 592
Epistle	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 371
<i>Thou, whose almighty word</i>	John Marriott

Holy Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20
Sermon	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory	
Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-129
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-154
Holy Communion	Hymnal 413, 336
<i>New songs of celebration render</i>	Erik Routley
<i>Come with us, O blessed Jesus</i>	John Henry Hopkins, Jr. and Charles P. Price
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 368
<i>Holy Father, great Creator</i>	Alexander Viets Griswold
Postlude <i>Prelude to a 'Te Deum'</i>	Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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. Please remember Christ Church in your Will. 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.

*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.

First Lesson

Genesis 1:-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”;



there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and

years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that



moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God



said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

First Painting: Jacopo Tintoretto. *The Origin of the Milky Way*. 1575-1580. National Gallery, London.

Second Painting: *The Ancient of Days*. William Blake. 1794.

Third Painting: *God in the person of the Son confronts Adam and Eve*. Master Bertram (d. c.1415).

Psalm 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

BCP 592

- 1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels, *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Epistle

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be

with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our 55th wedding anniversary on June 14th by Bishop Henry and Jan Louttit.

Ascension Window Campaign Update

Christ Church thanks its many parishioners and friends who have contributed to the restoration of our historic Ascension Window. While we have raised the funds to restore the window (we will provide a more detailed announcement about this next week), we are accepting additional funds to cover additional painting, lighting and general maintenance. Thanks to a generous member of our congregation, each contributor will receive a beautiful Christ Church Ascension Window Christmas ornament. The ornament, designed and manufactured by the same company that produced the White House Christmas ornament, will be a treasured wonderful keepsake for generations to come. Restoration will begin in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Dates

- Evening Eucharist on June 18 at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Liam G. Collins, celebrant.
- June 24—The Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- July 9—The Rev. Sierra, Rudy and Julia Mae’s last Sunday before moving to Colorado.

In Thinking about Things: Pentecost

By James Michael Timothy Moher (reprinted from Episcopal Life/NH Episcopal News – May 1999)

The month of May brings to a close the Jesus story. We began in November listening to John the Baptizer proclaim the advent of the messiah, then the beauty of the babe brightened our winter days. In January, kings homage a child who later grew and astounded his elders in the temple.

A young man went to the wilderness and returned to teach and cure his people on the way to a cross and empty tomb. A new man returned to his brethren to cast aside their doubt and help guide them on



their mission before he gloriously bid them farewell to return to his father, creator of us all. From the First Sunday of Advent until Whitsunday, Pentecost, the church calendar tells us the story of Jesus and for the remaining six months it relates the teachings of the master. The church vestments are a pastoral green and liturgical life is humdrum as Gospel parables drone through our minds as lazily as the bees visiting the flowers below the sanctuary windows.

What is Pentecost exactly? How does it impact our lives? The story itself is simple enough. Left alone, the disciples gathered where they were “filled with the Holy Spirit.” Tiny flames descended upon them; they know wisdom and received the gift of tongues that they could spread the story of, and teachings, of Jesus. To understand the event, we must understand the Holy Spirit which

for our purposes here can best be said to be the inspiration and connection of life.

This connection and inspiration, often defined as God's grace, binds us to our creator, the redeemer, and most importantly, each other. This last point is critical, for without a bond with our fellow humans, we will always fall short of the goodness we naturally seek in our collective as well as our individual lives.

Pentecost is a definition of that inspiration and connection in two senses. First of all, the story of Pentecost itself, of the events that took place in that upper room is a memorable piece of history that demonstrates how God works in the world. We learn through what the followers of Jesus experienced that we might expect to undergo as we ourselves are touched by grace.

Pentecost also serves as a model which shows us what we must do with our own lives and faith. It is not enough for us to learn the story of the first followers of Jesus; we must emulate the disciples as we confront the world. In other words, we too, must harness the power of the Holy Spirit and go forth to preach, teach, and heal.

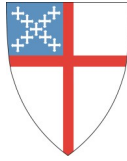
How can we, the contemporary men and women, follow in the path of the disciples? How can we dare to equate ourselves with those first saints? We need to simply be ourselves. If we believe in God, and accept Jesus, then we have the tools to become as valid as disciples as those men and women of twenty centuries ago. All that is required of us is that we recognize our personal ministries and act honestly on them. Few people are called to be evangelists or martyrs, but all folks are enjoined to be genuine. It is the inspiration and connection of the Holy Spirit, working right now amongst us, that permits us to carry out the legacy of the first Christians. Our understanding of our individual roles and responsibilities, and how they work in concert will enable us to teach and heal. Teach by our example and heal by our presence.

So now, let us go among the nations and spread the word of Jesus and make Pentecost a part of our experience.

Pentecost. Duccio di Buoninsegna. 1308-1311. Museo dell'Opera della Metropolitana. Sienna, Italy.

Photos from June 4, 2017—Day of Pentecost





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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*

The Right Reverend Henry I. Louttit, Jr., *Bishop-in-Residence*

The Reverend George M. Maxwell (1930-2016), *Rector Emeritus*

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