

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Year A

June 25, 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>Préambule (24 Pièces en style libre)</i>	Louis Vierne
Processional	Hymnal 372
<i>Praise to the living God!</i>	Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsburg and Newton M. Mann
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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	Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:8-11, 18-20 <i>Salvum me fac</i>	BCP 679
Epistle	Romans 6:1b-11
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 296
<i>We know that Christ is raised</i>	John Brownlee Geyer
Holy Gospel	Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon	The Rev. J. Sierra Reyes, <i>Associate Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
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 313, 655
<i>Let thy Blood in mercy poured</i>	John Brownlie
<i>O Jesus, I have promised</i>	John Ernest Bode
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 535
<i>Ye servants of God</i>	Charles Wesley
Postlude <i>Grand Choeur</i>	Théodore Salomé

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

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Psalm 69 *Salvum me fac*

BCP 679

8 Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.

9 I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.

10 Zeal for your house has eaten me up, *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

11 I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.

18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

19 "Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.

Epistle

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means!
How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us
who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? There-

fore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was cruci-



fied with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that

Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Appearance on Lake Tiberias. Duccio di Buoninsegna. Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Sienna, Italy.

Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.



“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Ettore Tito. *Descendimiento de la Cruz*. 1911. Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Announcements

Upcoming Dates

- June 29—The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles.
- July 4—Independence Day.
- July 9—The Rev. Sierra, Rudy and Julia Mae's last Sunday before moving to Colorado.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my 92 years of blessings and life by Mary Elizabeth Faircloth and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pember and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Van Inwegen.

Happy 92nd Birthday Mary Elizabeth Faircloth!

Mary Elizabeth Faircloth was born June 24, 1925 in Albany, Georgia and christened a Methodist. She graduated from Albany High School and completed Pre-Med at Young Harris Junior College in north Georgia and the University of Maryland. In 1946 she attended Union Memorial Hospital of Nursing in Baltimore, Maryland, where she began working as an operating room



nurse. Returning to Georgia in 1951, Mary Elizabeth joined the Army Nurse Corps in 1952. She served a year in Japan and a year in Korea during the closing of the Korean War and resigned her commission in 1955.

Mary Elizabeth has worked as an OR nurse, an administrator, consultant and educator. She

earned a multiple major BA in Sociology/Psychology and a minor in biology at the University of Florida and a Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Maryland, while working for the American National Red Cross and for Memorial Medical Center in Savannah.

In August 1981, she was confirmed as an Episcopalian and a member of Christ Church, where she recorded the main Sunday service and sang in the choir. Mary Elizabeth moved her membership to St Peter's in 2003, where she continued recording the service as her ministry. She returned to Christ Church on August 13, 2012. Currently, Mary Elizabeth is the owner of a unique business that aids professionals seeking assistance with licensure exams, as well as helping college bound students study for their ACT, SAT, and GRE exams.

Ascension Window Campaign Update

Christ Church thanks its many parishioners and friends who have contributed to the restoration of our historic Ascension Window. We have raised the funds to restore the window (as of June 14 we have raised \$190,324), and all of these funds will be used to cover the cost of the window's removal, restoration and installation as well as the carpentry, painting, and lighting. 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.

Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist—June 24

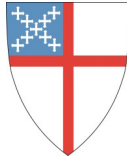
The Nativity of John the Baptist celebrates the birth of John the Baptist, a prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah in the person of Jesus, whom he later baptized. This feast day comes three months after the celebration on March 25 of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was in her sixth month of pregnancy, and six months before the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is also one of the oldest festivals of the Christian church, being listed by the Council of Agde in 506 as one of that region's principal festivals, where it was a day of rest and, like Christmas, was celebrated with three Masses: a vigil, at dawn, and at midday. Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John...." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).

Photos from June 11, 2017—Trinity Sunday



Photos from June 18, 2017—2nd Sunday after 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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