

The Day of Pentecost
Year A

June 4, 2017

The Visitation of the Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase



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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>Fantaisie sur "Veni Creator"</i>	Denis Bédard
Processional	Hymnal 225
<i>Hail thee, festival day!</i>	Venantius Honorius Fortunatus
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:25-35, 37 <i>Benedic, anima mea</i>	BCP 735
Anglican chant by Edward Cuthbert Bairstow	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 511
<i>Holy Spirit, ever living</i>	Timothy Rees

Holy Gospel	John 20:19-23
Sermon	The Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase, <i>Bishop of Georgia</i>
Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>If ye love me</i>	Philip Wilby
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	
<i>Spirit of the living God</i>	Daniel Iverson, arr. Timothy L. Hall
<i>The majesty and glory of your Name</i>	Tom Fettke
Hymn 516 <i>Come down, O Love Divine</i>	Bianco da Siena; tr. Richard Frederick Littledale
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 506
<i>Praise the Spirit in creation</i>	Michael Hewlett
Postlude <i>We all believe in one God (BWV 680)</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of



them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under

heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Pentecost. Morgan Kuhn. 2010. Private Collection.

Psalm 104 *Benedic, anima mea* **BCP 735**
Anglican chant by Edward Cuthbert Bairstow Sung by the Choir

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who

allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus

came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the



Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Pentecost. Emil Nolde. 1909. Berlin, Staatliche Museen, National Galerie.

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in in loving memory of Ann and Tom Stanley by Blake and Jenny Long and Emily, Caroline and Hannah .

Bishop's Discretionary Fund

Christ Church is pleased to welcome the Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase today for his annual visitation. Bishop Benhase was consecrated the 10th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia on January 23, 2010. Previously, he served as the rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C. After graduating from college, Bishop Benhase spent a year as a missionary of the Episcopal Church in Honduras. During that time, he was discerning a vocation to ordained ministry. In 1980, he was accepted as a postulant and entered Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1984, married the former Kelly Jones, became a curate at Trinity Church, Indianapolis and then became the rector of St. Paul's, East Cleveland, an urban parish in one of the poorest communities in the U.S. In 1990, Bishop Benhase was called to be Vicar of Trinity, Charlottesville, an historic black church, and then became the rector of St. Philip's, Durham. Bishop Benhase and his wife have three grown children. This Sunday's undesignated offering will go to the Bishop's discretionary fund.

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 tonight and on June 18 at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Liam G. Collins, celebrant.
- June 8—CCE Book Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Undercroft to discuss "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger.
- 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.

Christ Church's Newest Acolyte—Tommy Taylor

Last Sunday, Christ Church welcomed its newest acolyte: Tommy Taylor. Tommy is 13 years old and was born in Frankfurt, Germany while his family was assigned with the State Department. Tommy is homeschooled by his mother, Joy, and has an older sibling Sam serving in the Navy. Tommy enjoys volunteering and serving as an acolyte. Prior to moving to Savannah, Tommy was very involved in the Episcopal youth group at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Newport News, VA. Tommy's father recently retired from the Marine Corps and moved to Savannah to accept a job with Gulfstream Aerospace. Tommy looks forward to new opportunities in Savannah to volunteer and serve his church community.

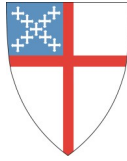


Photos from May 28, 2017—7th Sunday of Easter/
Seersucker Sunday!



Photos from May 21, 2017—6th 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 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*

Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

Vestry

J. Ryan Chandler, *Senior Warden*

Mary E. Raines, *Junior Warden*

Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry*

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