

# The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 Solemn Melody	H. Walford Davies
Processional	Hymnal 410
<i>Praise, my soul</i>	Henry Francis Lyte
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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	Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145: 8-15 <i>Exaltabo te, Deus</i>	BCP 801
<i>Anglican chant by Joseph Barnby</i>	Sung by the Choir
Epistle	Romans 7:15-25a
Sequence Hymn* (Omit s. 5)	Hymnal 644
<i>How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds</i>	John Newton

Holy Gospel	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
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 <i>Christ is made the sure foundation</i>	Dale Wood
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 693, 335
<i>Just as I am</i>	Charlotte Elliott
<i>I am the bread of life</i>	Suzanne Toolan
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 657
<i>Love divine, all loves excelling</i>	Charles Wesley
Postlude <i>Pisgah</i>	American Traditional; Kentucky Harmony, 1816, arr. Dale Wood

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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 website can be found at [www.christchurchsavannah.org](http://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.

Join us downstairs for a reception following the 10:30 a.m. service

Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

**First Lesson**

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
    Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
    triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
    on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
    and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
    and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
    and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
    I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
    today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**Psalm 145** *Exaltabo te, Deus*  
Anglican chant by Joseph Barnby

**BCP 801**  
Sung by the Choir

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

### Epistle

### Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

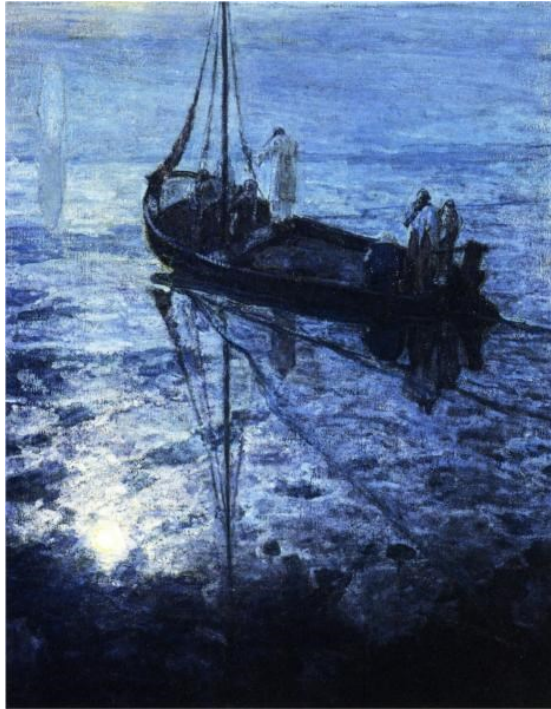


Jan van Eyck. *The Ghent Altarpiece: Prophet Zacharias; Angel of the Annunciation*. 1432. Cathedral of St. Bavo, Ghent, Belgium.

## Gospel

## Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the



flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Henry Ossawa Tanner. *The Disciples See Christ Walking on the Water*. 1907. Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, Iowa.

## Announcements

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of our associate rector the Rev. Julia Sierra Reyes, her husband Rudy and their daughter Julia Mae; and in loving memory of Alston Jones McCaslin, V, by his family.

### **Farewell Celebration for the Reyes Family**

*A reception in the Undercroft will follow today's 10:30 a.m. service*

Today, Christ Church bids farewell to its associate rector Sierra Reyes, her husband Rudy and their daughter Julia Mae. The Rev. Sierra, as she is affectionately known, has faithfully served as Christ Church's associate rector since August 2011.

"Christ Church, the city of Savannah and the entire Episcopal Church have been immeasurably blessed with Sierra's ministry," said our rector Michael S. White. "She joined our parish after graduating from Harvard Divinity School and was soon ordained a deacon and then a priest. She has been an exemplary and humble servant to the poor and those in need and is committed to proclaiming by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



Later this month, the Reyes family will be moving to Denver, Colorado where Rudy will begin studies for a Ph.D. in Religious Studies and serve as a teaching assistant at the University of Denver's Iliff School of Theology.

The Rev. Sierra noted, "God called me to Christ Church six years ago, and my family and I are forever grateful. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we now begin a

new journey but our hearts will always be with this community of faithful people at Christ Church.”

Before entering seminary, Sierra grew up on Tybee Island with her mother and younger sister. She also served as an acolyte for many years at All Saint’s,



Tybee. She is a cum laude graduate of Agnes Scott College, was the president of the student body for Harvard Divinity School and was the youth representative to the committee which elected Katharine Jefferts Schori as the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal

Church. She also studied with Archbishop Desmond Tutu at the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

Sierra was ordained to the sacred order of priests at Christ Church by the Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase on February 18, 2012. She and Rudy were married at Christ Church on April 13, 2013 and Julia Mae was born on September 8, 2016. In addition to her responsibilities at Christ Church, Sierra also currently serves on the Commission on Ministry for the Diocese of Georgia and on the Board of Directors for Chatham Savannah Citizen Advocacy. Working under the leadership of our rector, Sierra’s primary responsibilities have been in the areas of youth ministry, religious education and congregational life. Through their collective efforts, we have seen Christ Church develop into one of the fastest growing and most dynamic churches in the Episcopal Church.

Thank you Sierra, Rudy and Julia Mae for being gifts among us and we pray that the Lord bless you and keep you; that the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; and that the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



A Tribute to The Rev. Sierra, Rudy and Julia Mae Reyes

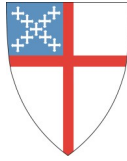


Photos from July 4, 2017—4th Sunday after Pentecost



Photos from June 25, 2017—3rd 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*

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*

Catherine M. Gussler, *Treasurer*

Bertice B. Berry, Ph.D.

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