

# The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 20—Year A

September 24, 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

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| Voluntary <i>Adagio (Symphonie III)</i>   | Louis Vierne             |
| Processional                              | Hymnal 518               |
| <i>Christ is made the sure foundation</i> | <i>Westminster Abbey</i> |
| Opening Acclamation and Response          | BCP 355                  |
| A Song of Praise                          | Hymnal S-236             |
| Collect of the Day                        |                          |

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

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| First Lesson                              | Jonah 3:10-4:11     |
| Psalm 145:1-8 <i>Extablo te, Deus</i>     | BCP 801             |
| Anglican chant by Joseph Barnby           | Sung by the Choir   |
| Epistle                                   | Philippians 1:21-30 |
| Sequence Hymn*                            | Hymnal 529          |
| <i>In Christ there is no East or West</i> | <i>McKee</i>        |
| Holy Gospel                               | Matthew 20:1-16     |

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| Sermon                          | The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i> |
| Nicene Creed                    | BCP 358                                  |
| Prayers of the People, Form III | BCP 387                                  |
| Confession and Absolution       | BCP 360                                  |
| Peace                           |  |

### Holy Communion

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| Offertory <i>There's a wideness in God's mercy</i> | Maurice Bevan        |
| Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>    | BCP 361              |
| Sanctus and Benedictus                             | Hymnal S-125         |
| Lord's Prayer                                      | BCP 364              |
| Breaking of the Bread                              |                      |
| Fraction Anthem <i>Christ our Passover</i>         | Hymnal S-155         |
| Holy Communion**                                   | Hymnal 482, 341, 551 |
| <i>Lord of all hopefulness</i>                     | <i>Slane</i>         |
| <i>For the bread which you have broken</i>         | <i>Omni die</i>      |
| <i>Rise up, ye saints of God!</i>                  | <i>Festal Song</i>   |
| Postcommunion Prayer                               | BCP 365              |
| Processional                                       | Hymnal 690           |
| <i>Guide me, O thou great Jehovah</i>              | <i>Cwm Rhondda</i>   |
| Postlude <i>Festival Voluntary</i>                 | Flor Peeters         |

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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. Previous rectors of our parish include John Wesley, George Whitefield, F. Bland Tucker and George M. Maxwell. Our website can be found at [www.christchurchsavannah.org](http://www.christchurchsavannah.org).

\*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 baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

## First Lesson

## Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish



at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.

And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into

being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

*Jonah and the Whale* in the Jami' al-tawarikh (c. 1400), Metropolitan Museum of Art. New York, New York.

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

**BCP 801**  
Sung by the Choir

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.

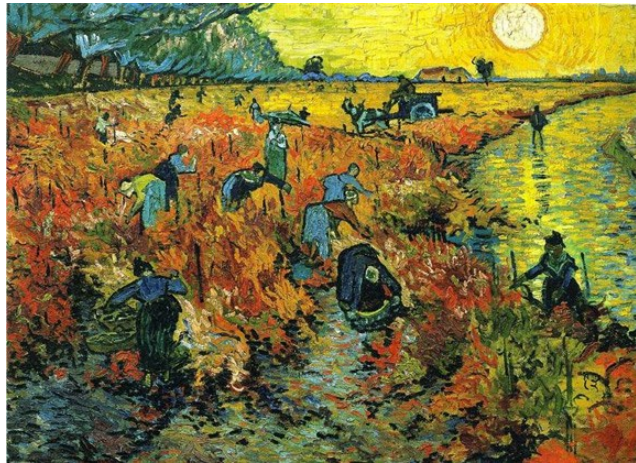
7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

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

## Epistle

## Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am con-



vinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a

manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

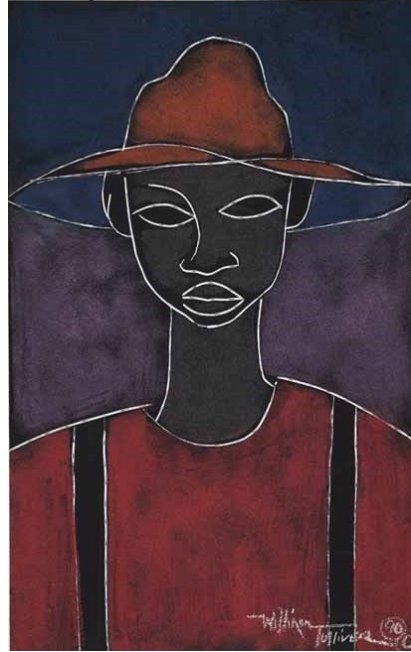
Vincent van Gogh. *Red Vineyards at Arles*. 1888.

## Gospel

## Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'

So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."



William Tolliver. *Farm Boy*. 1990.

## Announcements

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Otto, by their children.

## Announcements and Upcoming Dates

- **Sunday, September 24**

◇ **Sunday School** at 9:30 a.m. for all ages begins today! Did you know that Christ Church is home of the first Sunday School? John Wesley began the movement to form children more deeply in the faith. We enthusiastically continue this tradition for children, youth and adults! Come to the Parish House (Second Floor-18 Abercorn Street) at 9:30 a.m. on September 24th and the following Sundays. You will grow in faith, deepen in fellowship and experience the grace, joy and dignity of the Episcopal Church community.

-**Pre-K through 5th grade** will have a Bible Story Carnival.

-**EYC** (Middle and High School youth group) is invited to come to the Youth Room for a special youth gathering with Samantha McKean (Christ Church's new Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Ministries)

-**Adults** will begin a program called "**I am Christ Church.**" Using scripture, Church history, and personal narratives of current members, we will begin an exploration of God's unique call for our Church community. This will be a great opportunity to explore the history of the Episcopal Church/Christ Church and also deepen relationships as we learn more about one another.

-**Nursery** care will be provided.

◇ **Evening Holy Eucharist** at 6 p.m.

- **Wednesday, September 27, Wednesday Noon Eucharist.**

- **Saturday, January 20**—Because of damage to Honey Creek and the impact of Irma for many who live along the Georgia Coast, the Honey Creek Revival Service with the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Michael Curry, originally slated for September 17, has been postponed until Saturday, January 20. Please mark your calendars and more details will follow.

## Sunday, October 1 "Blessing of the Stuffed Animals"

Please bring new or slightly used stuffed animals to be blessed and shared with the Savannah Police Department. Each year these stuffed animals are donated to the Police who use them as gifts for children in our community who have

witnessed something frightening and are in need of a symbol of love and support. Also, children are invited to bring (and hold on to) their favorite stuffed animal. These animals will return home with the children with the assurance that God is always with us.

### Youth Choir Begins October 1

Our popular youth choir (pre-k through 5th grade) begins after the 10:30 a.m. service on October 1 and will continue each 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. The youth choir will be under the direction of our organist and choirmaster Timothy Hall and Emmy Williams Burch. Please speak with either of them if you have questions or would like more information.



### Calendar Note—October 15

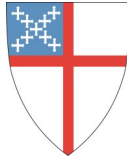
Christ Church will welcome The Very Rev. Kurt H. Dunkle as our guest preacher on October 15. Dean Dunkle is the dean and president of the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Chartered in 1817, GTS is the oldest Episcopal seminary in the U.S.

Photos from September 17, 2017



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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

J. Ryan Chandler, *Senior Warden*

Mary E. Raines, *Junior Warden*

Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Catherine M. Gussler, *Treasurer*

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