

The Nineteenth 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 *Toccata in C major (BWV 564a)* Johann Sebastian Bach

Processional Hymnal 618

Ye watchers and ye holy ones John Athelstan Laurie Riley

Opening Acclamation and Response BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis Hymnal S-278

Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises,
may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Gradual Psalm 146 *Lauda, anima mea* BCP 803

Anglican chant by Thomas Norris *Sung by the choir*

Epistle 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Sequence Hymn* Hymnal 705

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Holy Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Sermon	The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple <i>Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form II	BCP 385
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Jesus, the very thought of thee</i>	Chant, Mode I; arr. Arlen Clarke
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
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 <i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-154
Communion	Hymnal 321, 336
<i>My God, thy table now is spread</i>	Philip Doddridge and Isaac Watts
<i>Come with us, O blessed Jesus</i>	John Henry Hopkins, Jr. and Charles P. Price
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 625
<i>He holy angels bright</i>	Richard Baxter; rev. John Hampden Gurney
Postlude <i>Grand Chœur in C major</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. Our mailing address is 18 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 (912-236-2500). 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 PreK-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.

Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

Please join us in the Undercroft for a reception after the 10:30 a.m. service.

First Lesson

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalms 146 *Lauda, anima mea*

Anglican chant by Thomas Norris

BCP 803

Sung by the choir

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *

and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Epistle

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful de-



sires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for

which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Dives and Lazarus. Paolo Pagani. Late 17th century. State A. Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts, Moscow.

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn

them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

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

Deaconess Anna Alexander

Feast Day—September 24

The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shipps

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church has authorized a large number of holy persons to be honored by optional observance in our parishes at weekday Eucharists. They are noted, along with assigned collects and Scripture readings, in the volume "Holy Women and Holy Men". Amongst them is

Georgia's Deaconess Anna Alexander, whose commemoration date is 24 September. She was made a Deaconess prior to the time in 1973 when women could actually be ordained deacons. Anna E.B. Alexander was born in 1865 on a plantation in McIntosh County. She learned the Christian faith from her father and in attending St. Cyprian's Church in Darien and St. Athanasius' Church in Brunswick. She carried this faith home to Pennick, a small country community a few miles west of Brunswick. There her father, a carpenter, built Good Shepherd Church. In 1907 Anna was made a deaconess, the first African American so designated, ministering for 53 years in the country mission and one-room school house she founded at Good Shepherd. She taught reading by using the Book of Common Prayer and Bible as texts. She lived in



the school loft, and is fondly remembered as walking the countryside to and from Brunswick, greeting people with love and devotion on her way. She died in 1947. An icon of Deaconess Alexander by Louise is in the diocesan office chapel in Savannah, and replicated as a stained glass window in St. Ignatius Church on St. Simons Island.

I always was warmly received on Visitations to Good Shepherd during my years as diocesan bishop, where the liturgy was enhanced by hymns in strong, joyous voices. The Deaconess' school now serves as parish hall, where fellowship and lunch follow the Eucharist.

Welcome, Bishop Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple

Christ Church is pleased to welcome the Rt. Rev. Anne Elliott Hodges-Copple as our preacher today. She was elected the Diocese of North Carolina's sixth Bishop Suffragan and the first female bishop of that Diocese on January 26, 2013. She was consecrated on June 15, 2013, in Duke Chapel on the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. Presiding Bishop



Katharine Jefferts Schori served as chief consecrator during the June 15 service. After the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry was elected the 27th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in 2015, she became the Bishop Pro Tempore of the Diocese.

Born in Texas, Bishop Hodges-Copple attended high school in Dallas before moving to Durham, N.C., for her undergraduate study. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Duke University in 1979. After working as a community organizer for several years following graduation, she earned her Master of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif., in 1984. Bishop Hodges-Copple and her husband, John Hodges-Copple, moved back to N.C. in 1984, where she began working in the field of domestic violence prevention. Hodges-Copple was ordained to the priesthood in 1988 and served as assistant to the rector at St. Luke's, Durham, until 1992. She left St. Luke's to serve as Episco-

pal chaplain to Duke University until 2005, when she returned to St. Luke's as rector until her election as Bishop Suffragan in 2013. She and her husband, John, have three adult children. John is Director of Planning for the Triangle J Council of Governments.

Upcoming Dates and Events for September

- Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish House
 - Sunday School for pre-k through 5th grade "Genesis Greatest Hits"
 - Adult Forum "Leadership and Spirituality"
- October 2 - At 10:30 a.m., Blessing of the Stuffed Animals and Baptism of Anna-Caroline Habersham Wright. Immediately thereafter, EYC luncheon in the Parish House and, at 6 p.m., Evening Eucharist.
- October 9 - Bishop William Willimon, Methodist Bishop and former Dean of Duke Chapel, will be our guest preacher.
- October 17 - The Rev. Kelly Steele will be our guest preacher.

St. Francis' Day Blessing of the Stuffed Animals

Sunday, October 2, please bring new or slightly worn stuffed animals to our 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. Each year on the Sunday closest to St. Francis' Day, we collect stuffed animals and during worship our children and clergy say a prayer of blessing over these stuffed animals. These are then given to the Savannah Police Department. Savannah Police Officers carry these stuffed animals in the back of their cars and give them to children when children have witnessed a sad or scary event. Our prayer is that these stuffed animals become symbols of love and compassion and will give a child hope in God's love even in the midst of pain. If children have a special stuffed animal in their lives that they will be keeping, they are welcome to bring these for a prayer that God would use these as signs of comfort and of God's love in the lives of our children as well. Children will keep these in their hands rather than place in the donation baskets.

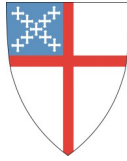


Photos from September 18, 2016—18th Sunday after Pentecost



A September to Remember for Christ Church's Youth





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The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, D. Min., *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend Sierra Wilkinson 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

William F. Wallace, M.D., *Senior Warden*

J. Ryan Chandler, *Junior Warden*

Mary E. Raines, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Jane F. Espy, *Treasurer*

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Denton W. Stone

Andrew M. Wright

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