

# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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September 3, 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>Fugue in C major (BWV 547b)</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
Processional	Hymnal 636
<i>How firm a foundation</i>	K. in John Rippon's <i>Selection</i> , 1787
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 15:15-21
Psalm 26 <i>Judica me, Domine</i>	BCP 616
Epistle	Romans 12:9-21
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 513
<i>Like the murmur of the dove's song</i>	Carl P. Daw, Jr.
Holy Gospel	Matthew 16:21-28
Sermon	The Rev. Patricia Rhoads Davis, <i>Deacon</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 593, 644
<i>Lord, make us servants of your peace</i>	James Quinn
<i>How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds</i>	John Newton
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 541
<i>Come, labor on</i>	Jane Laurie Borthwick
Postlude <i>Fanfare</i>	William Mathias

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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 Christians are invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

## First Lesson

## Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.  
Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.  
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.  
Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.  
And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

**Psalm 26** *Judica me, Domine*

**BCP 616**

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless; \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord; \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.

## Epistle

## Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffer-



ing, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another;

do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

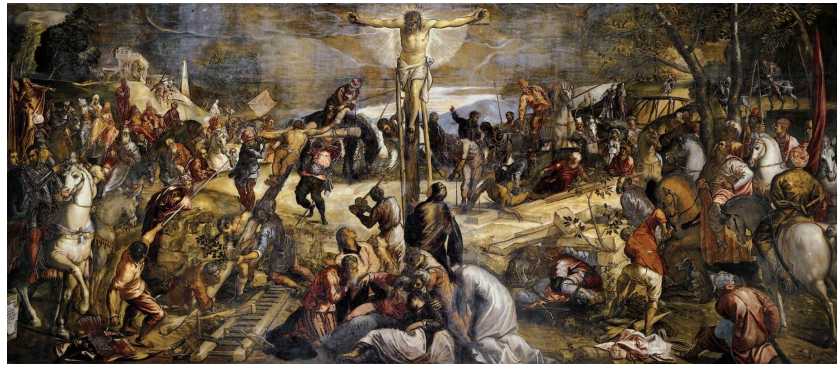
Pablo Picasso. *The Crucifixion*. 1930. Musée Picasso, Paris, France.

## Gospel

## Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let

them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?



Tintoretto. *Crucifixion*. 1565. Scuola Grande di San Rocco, Venice, Italy.

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

### Announcements

#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Park Callahan by his wife, Aline and in loving memory of Leslie Basinger Lawton and Genevieve Lawton Bateson by Leslie L. Bateson.

#### **Announcements and Upcoming Dates**

- **Sunday, September 3** at 6 p.m. Evening Eucharist resumes. As our Sunday Evening Eucharist has continued to grow, we are excited to announce that beginning tonight, we will offer this quiet, reflective service of Eucharist every Sunday at 6 p.m. from September through May. In the noisy chaos of life, take this opportunity for an experience of God's peace.
- **Wednesday, September 6**, Noon Wednesday Eucharist resumes. Beginning in September join us each Wednesday for a mid-week opportunity for worship with a special opportunity for prayers for ourselves and for others.

- **Sunday, September 10, 9:30 a.m.** Sunday School for all ages begins. 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 10th 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)
  - The 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.
- **Sunday, September 17 at 3 p.m.** Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Revival Service at Honey Creek ([www.EpiscopalRevivalinGeorgia2017.org](http://www.EpiscopalRevivalinGeorgia2017.org)).

### Why I am thankful for Christ Church

*In the following weeks, we will feature "Episcomonials" of various parishioners who express their thanks for Christ Church. This week, we invited long-time member Janet D. Stone to share her appreciation for our parish. Janet is a retired history professor and has been a member since 1975. She is also a former senior warden.*

Christ Church has shaped my life profoundly ever since my arrival here in 1975. My first worship service carried an overwhelming sensation of light – the strong natural light from the windows and a spiritual sense of light for the soul. Everything else followed the path set by those first moments. The adult Sunday School classes offered by the Reverend George Maxwell and others led me to hear scripture in ways that were fresh and powerful. I learned new depths of prayer and the joy of praise. I now see Christ Church as a long series



of Mary and Martha moments. The Martha moments drive me crazy, and the Mary moments humble me with the beauty of holiness. Both moments bring me closer to God, and I give thanks.

### September 11th - Commemoration

Monday, September 11, from 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m., Christ Church will once again be open for quiet prayer as a commemoration of the lives lost September 11, 2001. We will take this opportunity to offer prayers for those who died, for our nation and for peace. At each moment of impact we will ring our 1819 Revere and Sons Bell.

### Hurricane Harvey Response

<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response>

The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, has asked for your prayers to support the people who are suffering from the damage of Hurricane Harvey. Houston and other areas impacted by the hurricane are in Bishop Doyle's diocese. Bishop Doyle has also asked that any financial support be directed to Episcopal Relief and Development which is working with the Episcopal Church in Texas to provide immediate help. The website for contributions is as follows. <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response>.

### Photo of the Week

*"We happy few, we band of brothers."* (Wm. Shakespeare, Henry V, Act IV)



(l to r) Jack, Oliver, Edward, Jack, Thomas, Crawford

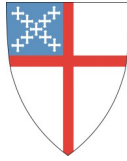
Photos from August 20 and 27, 2017





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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*

Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

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