The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Year B

The Visitation of the Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase
Bishop of Georgia

October 7, 2018

Christ Church

Episcopal

The Mother Church of Georgia
Established 1733

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 *Andantino alla Cantilena* *William Lloyd Webber*
Processional Hymnal 362
Holy, holy, holy! *Nicaea*
Opening Acclamation and Response BCP 299
Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson Genesis 2:18-24
Gradual Psalm 8 *Domine, Dominus noster* BCP 592
Epistle Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Sequence Hymn* Hymnal 495
Hail, thou once despised Jesus! (omit s. 4) *In Babilone*
Holy Gospel Mark 10:2-16
Sermon The Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase, *Bishop of Georgia*

Presentation and Examination of Candidate for Baptism	BCP 301
Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Confirmation Reception and Reaffirmation	BCP 303
Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304
Prayers for the Candidates	BCP 305
Thanksgiving over the Water	BCP 306
The Baptism	BCP 307
Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation	BCP 309
The Peace	BCP 310

Holy Communion

Offertory *Bread of the World*	Richard Shepard
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving, *Eucharistic Prayer A*	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-129
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S-154
Holy Communion**	Hymnal 655, 559
O Jesus, I have promised	*Nyland*
Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us	*Dulce carmen*
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 657
Love divine, all loves excelling	*Hyfrydol*
Postlude *Bishops' Promenade*	Norman Coke-Jephcott

6:00 P.M.-Evening Eucharist

Contemplative service, candlelight and meditative music

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*Children ages PreK-6th 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.

Our website can be found at www.christchurchsavannah.org.

First Lesson — Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Fall of Man (c. 1570), Titian (c. 1480-1576), Prado Museum, Madrid.

Psalm 8 *Domine, dominus noster* — BCP 592

Anglican Chant by Joseph Corfe — *Sung by the Choir*

1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

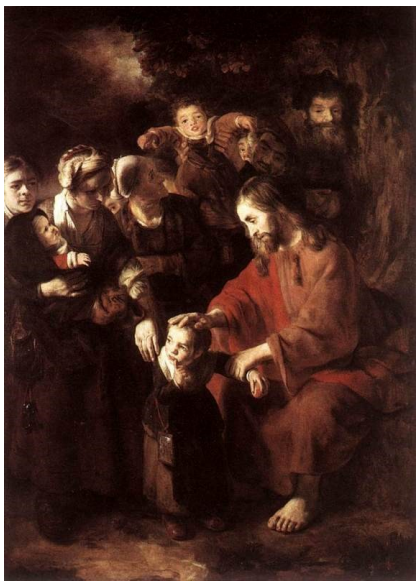
9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Epistle — Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little

while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to



them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Opposite Page: Anthony Van Dyck, *Christ Blessing Children*. 1618-1620. Ottawa, National Gallery of Canada
Above: Nicolas Maes, *Christ Blessing the Children*.1652-3. National Gallery, London, United Kingdom

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He

said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Prayers of the People

For the Sick and Those in Need +Maddox, +Van, Carry Smith, Roy Hill, Sonny Thorpe, Jimmy Carter, Elizabeth MacPherson, Kazue McShane, Mac McEwen, Gloria McEwen, Otto Immel, Stewart Thames, Ben Burrell, David Shepherd, Jerry Miller, Hal Haenel, Louis Dent, Sidney Fowler, Anne White, James White, Fenton McEvoy, Tommy Herrmann, Bill Miller, Warren Fowler, Cary Smith, Charles Flannigan, Yvette Taylor, Meredith Vertili, Danny Hill, Lisa Butler, Ted Miller, the Rt. Rev. Henry Louttit, Jr., Sally Hotchkiss, Chad Jacobs, Aline Callahan, Tommy Seipel, Bobby Polo, Courtenay Espy, Edward Long, Jack McDermett, Taylor Summerell, Ruth Moore, Robert Geier, Kelso Taylor, Amy L. Johnson, Laura Angell, Susan Kearney, Ruth Stone, Diane Strickland, Will Ronning, Clara, Fred Sullivan, Beth Evans, Ronnie MacPherson Severance, Howard Morrison, Justin Elkenberry, Sandy Thornton, John Garner, Cindy King, Linda, Tara Hughes, Sam Varnedoe, Anita Clay, the Rev. Robert Horn, Bonnie Cay, Judy Tschetter, Virginia, Dede Austin

For the Birthdays of Isabell Macgill, Lane Lynch, Rena Patton, Emmy Burch, Catherine Gussler, Dee Sutlive, Angela Brandt, Marie Dent, Ferdi Epres, Erin Waterman, Kim Bockius-Suwyn, Parsons Summerell, Edward Wallace, Tiara Sanders, Tori Chandler, Ryan Chandler, John Mikell, Jackson McWhorter, Harlan Lerch, Susan Wetmore, Kristi Kiene, Wanda Bohnstedt, Hartford Gongaware, Cora Bett Thomas, Irene Feddern

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Rosalie & Charles Morris; Timothy Hall and Damon Fowler; Jim Gerhart and Todd Smelser; Comer & Otto Immel;

Heather & Will Wallace; Erin & Jim Waterman; Kwasi and Rima Agyei-Gyamfi

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families +Florence Hopper, William Ravenal Duane

Prayer Requests For prayer requests, please contact our clergy. You may also contact our prayer list coordinator, Erin Waterman, by phone 203.856.6361 or email at cceprayforme@gmail.com. **+** Indicates new prayer request.

Announcements

Bishop Benhase's Annual Visitation

We welcome the Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase as he makes his visitation to our parish today. Bishop Benhase is the tenth bishop of the Diocese of Georgia and was consecrated on January 23, 2010 in Savannah. During the 10:30 a.m. service, Bishop Benhase will confirm our 2018 youth confirmands: Harris Lawton Brown, James Ryan Chandler V, John Fulmer Chandler, Memary Adair Garrett, Eloise Haldon Logan, Sidney Wells Logan, Estella Stewart Oelschig, Rachel Heidi Reineri, Michael Henry Slatinsky and Ella Clemewell Stone.

The Book of Common Prayer says of confirmation: "In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they

are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop. Those baptized as adults are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith." (BCP 412)

Therefore, the rite of confirmation is indelibly tied to baptism—not the completion of it but an affirmation of those vows made either on behalf of an infant or by an adult. While confirmation does not make a person any more of a Christian, it is a rite of Christian commitment; an important part of living out one's life in Christ.

In addition to our youth confirmands, Hannah Gentle Marsh will be baptized; Joseph Cole Eberle, Alexander Steele Messinger and Eleanor Allan Twiford will reaffirm their commitment to Christian service; and the following 17 adults will be received into the Episcopal Church by the bishop: Lindsey Melissa Welch-Bragg, Shawn Christopher Bragg, Jamie Marie Cartright, Lindsey Ann Eberle, Hope Dooley Gruver, Joseph L. Herring, Katherine McSwain Messinger, Michael Paul Perkins, Katie Freeman Perkins, Palma Elizabeth Sigmon Reed, Paul Martin Reed, Dennis Martin Reed, Alejandro A. Santana, Molly Carrott Taylor and Geoffrey Sanders Taylor.

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry C. Webster, Sr. from the Webster family and of Roger K. Warlick on his birthday by his family and in thanksgiving for the episcopacy and ministry of the Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase by Christ Church.

Fall at Christ Church

- Sunday School for All Ages beginning October 14 through November 25
  - ◊ 9 a.m. Breakfast and at 9:30 a.m. Adult and High School Youth expand their Bible Study with **Calling Us to Care: Sunday Scripture and the Concerns of Our World**
  - ◊ Sunday, October 14 - We welcome Rabbi Robert Haas from Congregation Mickve Israel. He will speak about the prophets of the He-

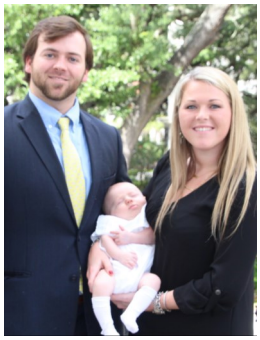
brew Scriptures with a special emphasis on those included in our Sunday readings.

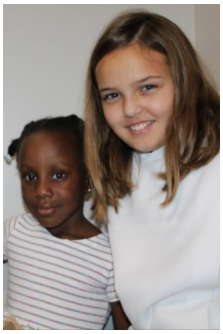
◊ 9:30 a.m. Children and Middle School Youth continue with **Playing and Praying with the Prophets**

We are Christ Church

Last Sunday, Christ Church officially launched its "We are Christ Church" Stewardship Campaign for 2019. Our campaign co-chairs are Spencer Burch and Molly Taylor. We also heard an inspired message from lay Eucharistic minister Dr. Bertice Berry who articulated the meaning of the "gifts of God for the people of God" and Christ Church's transformative and indispensable work every day in the community. Please see your insert for more information.

Photos from Sept. 30, 2018—19th Sunday after Pentecost





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The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, D. Min., *Bishop of Georgia*
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The Reverend Helen S. White, *Assistant for Christian Formation and Children's Ministry*
The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Assistant for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life*
The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*
Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*
Samantha K. McKean, *Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
Catherine M. Gussler, *Director of Administration*

The Reverend Canon Todd D. Smelser, *Priest Associate*
The Reverend David C. Seyle, *United Methodist Pastor-in-Residence*
The Right Reverend Henry I. Louttit, Jr., *Bishop-in-Residence*

Vestry

Mary E. Raines, *Senior Warden;* Denton W. Stone, *Junior Warden;*
Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry;* William B. Haile, *Treasurer;*
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Karen H. Oelschig; Gary M. Radke, Ph.D.; William H. Wallace, M.D.;
Andrew M. Wright; and Louise E. Wyche

Sundays

8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Nursery
The Nursery is located on the 2nd Floor of the Parish House,
18 Abercorn Street.

Wednesdays 12 Noon
Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

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