

The Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany

Year A

February 5, 2017



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10:15 a.m.—12:30 A.M.—Nursery (Parish House, 18 Abercorn Street)

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**8:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)**

Collect, Epistle, Psalm, Gospel and Sermon      BCP 323

**10:30 A.M.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**Entrance Rite**

Voluntary *Blessed Jesus, at thy Word*      Johann Sebastian Bach  
Processional      Hymnal 372

*Praise to the living God!*      Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg  
and Newton M. Mann

Opening Acclamation and Response      BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis      Hymnal S-280

Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Word of God**

First Lesson      Isaiah 58:1-12

Gradual Psalm 112:1-9 *Beatus vir*      BCP 755

Anglican chant by George J. Elvey      Sung by the Choir

Epistle      1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 7*
<i>Christ, whose glory fills the skies</i>	Charles Wesley
Holy Gospel	Matthew 5:13-20
Sermon	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form III</i>	BCP 387
Confession	BCP 360
Peace	

### Holy Communion

Offertory <i>If ye love me</i>	Thomas Tallis
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving <i>Eucharistic Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-129
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-155
Communion Music	Hymnal 559, 488
<i>Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us</i>	James Edmeston
<i>Be thou my vision</i>	Mary Elizabeth Byrne
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 124
<i>What star is this?</i>	Charles Coffin; tr. John Chandler
Postlude <i>Festival Voluntary</i>	Flor Peeters

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](http://www.christchurchsavannah.org). Previous rectors of our parish include John Wesley, George Whitefield, F. Bland Tucker and George M. Maxwell. Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

\*Children ages PreK-5th grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel. Please process with the Cross at this time. Younger children are welcome to attend if they are accompanied by a parent.

**First Lesson**

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.  
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?  
  
Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

**Gradual Psalm 112:1-9** *Beatus vir* **BCP 755**  
*Anglican chant by George J. Elvey* *Sung by the Choir*

1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!  
2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

## Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what

human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

## Gospel

## Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."



Frank Wesley. *The Forgiving Father*. 1957.

## Announcements

### **Altar Flowers and Memorials**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edward Graves Patton, Susan and Ed Graves, and Nevin and Lila Patton by Rena and Nevin Patton.

### **Coming Dates**

-**Adult Forums.** Sunday, February 5, our Adult Forum series "Leadership and Spirituality" continues. Nursery Provided. Today, Ted Eldridge, Lifelong educator who leaves this month for Ecuador with the World Teach Program based at Harvard University - "Lives of service at home and abroad". Next Sunday, February 12-Tom Kohler, Savannah Citizens Advocacy - "Discovering Disciples Among Us". The following Sundays: February 19- Sarah Smith, Chair Board of Directors Matthew Reardon Center for Autism- "Leadership in Spirit - A Journey in Understanding True Leadership" and on February 26- Michael Franck, Principal Church Architect with Franck & Lohsen Architects, Washington, D.C.- "Building the House of God".

-**Sunday School/Children's Service Projects.** Each Sunday in February, Children will participate in a variety of 9:30 a.m. service projects. One of these is already underway: Christ Church Sunday School is collecting new and gentle used children's books for Operation Paperback and Project Smile. Collection baskets can be found in the Undercroft and the second floor or the Parish House.

-**Evening Eucharist, Sundays, February 5 and 19, 6 p.m.** Evening Eucharist. Join us each 1st and 3rd Sunday evening for an experience of the peace of God.)

-**Book Group, Thursday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.** will be the next gathering of the Christ Church Book Group to discuss "The Book of the People" by A. N. Wilson. Please speak with Deacon Patti Davis to learn more.

-**Annual Meeting Reports.** On January 22, Christ Church members gathered for our Annual Meeting. At this meeting, we heard a series of reports about the mission and ministry of Christ Church, and we commissioned our Vestry for service in 2017. The reports from the Senior Warden, Rector, and a summary Budget for 2017 can be found on our Christ Church website ([www.christchurchsavannah.org](http://www.christchurchsavannah.org)) under the "News" button.



-**Columba House Super Bowl Party.** Columba House Savannah will be hosting its 2nd Annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5th! It is open to all 20's and 30's. CHS will provide a main course, but please bring a side to share. Festivities begin at 6:00 PM and there is an optional Evening Prayer service that begins at 5:30 PM. CHS is located at 214 East 34th St, Savannah, GA 31401.

-**20s/30s Young Adult Community: Butterducks Winery on March 5th .**

Our 20s/30s group will be going wine-tasting at Butterducks Winery on Sunday, March 5th. The afternoon will include winery tours, free food samples, and arts & crafts. We will carpool from the church parking lot following the 10:30 a.m. service. Invite friends! RSVP at [sierra.wilkinson@ccesavannah.org](mailto:sierra.wilkinson@ccesavannah.org)

-**EYC News**

- Sunday Morning Faith Share. Every Sunday morning from 9:30am - 10:10am, come hang out in the youth room for conversation, laughter and prayer. Share what's happening in your life and get to know other youth. The first Sunday of each month is designated for planning and looking ahead to EYC events. All youth are welcome!
- EYC Picnic & Scavenger Hunt! Calling all middle/high school youth! After church on Sunday, February 12th, we are gathering on Reynolds Square for a picnic in the park. After lunch we will use downtown as our playground for an ultimate scavenger hunt. Bring a ball to throw, a blanket to sit on, and a friend! Pray for great weather! (Noon-1:30 p.m.)
- Happening #98. Happening #98 will be held at Honey Creek February 17-19, 2017, and is open to those in **Grades 10 – 12**. During a Happening weekend, participants worship, play, sing, and talk about God's place in their lives. They make new friends who share similar concerns and questions – a reassuring discovery. **Several of our Christ Church youth will be in attendance and Reverend Sierra will be the weekend's spiritual director.**

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## **Get Ready for Mardi Gras! "Laissez les bons temps rouler!"**

*Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

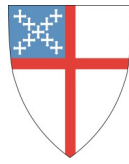
Mark your calendars for this year's Christ Church Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Morris Center in Trustee's

Garden, 10 East Broad Street. By far one of our most popular annual events, our own Mary Dugas, Rosalie Morris and Bertice Berry are fashioning a festivity to be filled with jazz, ragtime, bebop and swing! We'll also have plenty of food, games, mask decorating, photo ops for all ages and our own version of a Zulu parade! Please register by February 21 at [rsvp@ccesavannah.org](mailto:rsvp@ccesavannah.org). "Laissez les bons temps rouler!" See the photos below from last year's Mardi Gras!



Photos from January 29, 2017—4th Sunday after the Epiphany





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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**

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J. Ryan Chandler, *Junior Warden*

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