

The Fourth Sunday In Lent

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March 26, 2017



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

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	<i>Sonata No. 3</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
Processional		Hymnal 142
	<i>The glory of these forty days</i>	Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell
Opening Acclamation and Response		BCP 355
Kyrie		Hymnal S-96
Collect of the Day		

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson		1 Samuel 16:1-13
Gradual Psalm 23	<i>Dominus regit me</i>	BCP 612
	<i>Anglican chant by Edward Cuthbert Bairstow</i>	Sung by the Choir
Epistle		Ephesians 5:8-14
Sequence Hymn		Hymnal 663*
	<i>The Lord my God my shepherd is</i>	F. Bland Tucker**
Holy Gospel		John 9:1-41
Sermon		The Rev. Helen S. White

Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form I</i>	BCP 383
Confession	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Lenten love song</i>	Helen Kemp
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-130
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-164
Communion Music	Hymnal 691, 602
<i>Ave verum corpus</i>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death!	
Hymn 490 <i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i>	Kathleen Thomerson
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 493
<i>O for a thousand tongues to sing</i>	Charles Wesley

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. 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.

**F. Bland Tucker was Christ Church's 37th rector and he served our parish from 1945-1967.

First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send



you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trem-

bling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit

down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

David playing the harp before Saul. Rembrandt. 1629. Städel Museum, Frankfurt, Germany.

Gradual Psalm 23 Dominus regit me BCP 612

Anglican chant by Edward Cuthbert Bairstow Sung by the Choir

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of

light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Gospel

John 9-1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who



sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent).

Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the

Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was



born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one

who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The Match Seller. Otto Dix. 1920. Staatsgalerie, Stuttgart, Germany.

The Old Guitarist. Pablo Picasso. 1903. Art Institute of Chicago.

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The altar greens are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the leadership and the vision of the Vestry of Christ Church and in thanksgiving for the birthday of Marianne Fleming by Mills and Alexander Fleming.

Christ Church’s Historic Silver

Christ Church Historic Silver. From the first Sunday of Lent through Easter Sunday, we will be using our historic silver chalices and paten at the 10:30 service. The engraving on these vessels states: “Presented to Christ Church by the Ladies of the Congregation 1816.” The silver is very plain but very large. The chalices are very deep. If you drink from the chalice, please assist the chalice server, who will not be able to see if you have actually received the wine. Some people may find it easier to stand to receive the chalice. Parents may want to help children who drink from the cup. For over 200 years, worshipers at Christ Church have received bread and wine from these vessels. We follow in a long line of those who came before us. We give thanks for the love of God that continues from generation to generation.

Today at Christ Church

- **6:00 p.m. Evening Contemplative Eucharist.** The Rev. Liam G. Collins, celebrant. We invite and encourage you to come for this and the following two Sundays in Lent and experience the gift of God’s transforming love for you. Come and discover how the prayer of the heart grounds your life in simplicity, stability and peace.
- **Music News—Youth Choir** sings at the 10:30 a.m. service today.
- **Summer Choir Camp** (completed grades 1-5). Tuesday thru Friday, May 30 - June 2, 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
- **Bruce Feiler in Savannah.** Savannah native and New York Times best-selling author Bruce Feiler will make two Savannah appearances to discuss and sign his new book The First Love Story: Adam, Eve and Us on April 1 at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church on Washington Avenue and April 2 at 2 p.m. at the Jewish Educational Alliance on Abercorn Street.

Getting to Know You—The Taylor Family

Molly and Geoff Taylor’s warmth is matched by the welcome of their Ardsley Park bungalow. From the beginning of our “Getting to Know You” conversation, this young couple were so obviously interested in the world of the mind and the spirit—articulate and thoughtful with lots of easy laughter on topics ranging from their romance to submarines (Geoff served in the Navy intelligence aboard a nuclear vessel off the coast of Africa).

“Finn was eight months old when we moved to Savannah from New York City, so technically he is not a native,” Molly laughs. “But Keating (his younger brother) is a real Savannahian.”



You may remember the boys in their roles of Caesar and Caesar’s Messengers in the always splendid Christ Church Christmas pageant.

I met the boys at church when they sat behind us at Sunday services. Finn, with a big grin and a sparkle in his blue eyes that matched his sweater, had a book tucked under his arm. When I asked if he liked to read, he looked at me fully and said, “I devour books!” Yes! Keating smiled and nodded in agreement, his neat bowtie nodding with him.

Molly and Geoff met in New York, not in a restaurant or a bar or through friends. Their romance began in the research department of the Metropolitan Museum of Art where Molly was in charge of the Drawings and Prints department. Geoff came in for research for his Harvard graduate program. First coffee, then dinner and here they are in our midst, Geoff as the Chair of the Art History Department at SCAD and Molly as director of development at The Telfair Museum.

What brought them to Christ Church? “Father Michael!” they said together. “We visited a lot of churches. We loved our church in New York, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian. We found the same combination of warmth and formality at Christ Church. We always learn and connect with like people and—“ here Molly lights up—“ SING!” Her favorite hymn: “Come thou fount of every blessings,” which they incorporated into their wedding.

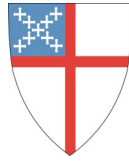
“We loved the welcoming, embracing energy of Christ Church in the most wonderful way. Thanks to all for making us so at home.”

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 9 Palm Sunday	8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
April 12 Holy Wednesday (Chapel)	12 noon
April 13 Maundy Thursday	6 p.m.
April 14 Good Friday	12 noon, 5 p.m. (Children’s Service) and 6 p.m.
Holy Saturday-The Great Vigil of Easter	8 p.m.
Easter Day-The Feast of the Resurrection	8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Easter Egg Hunt in Reynolds Square), and 10:30 a.m.

Photos from March 19, 2017—Third Sunday in Lent





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

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend J. Sierra 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*

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