

The First Sunday In Lent

Year A

March 5, 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 *If thou but suffer God to guide thee (BWV 647)* J. S. Bach
Introit *Humble yourselves before the Lord* Hal H. Hopson
Processional Hymnal 143
The glory of these forty days Latin, 6th cent.; tr. Maurice Bell
Opening Acclamation and Response BCP 355
Kyrie Hymnal S-96
Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Gradual Psalm 32 *Beati quorum* BCP 624
Plainsong, Tone I.1 Sung by the Choir
Epistle Romans 5:12-19
Sequence Hymn Hymnal 142*
Lord, who throughout these forty days Claudia F. Hemmam

Holy Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11
Sermon	The Rev. Patricia Rhoads Davis, <i>Deacon</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form I</i>	BCP 383
Confession	BCP 360
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake</i>	Richard Farrant
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 313, 302
<i>Let thy blood in mercy poured</i>	John Brownlee
<i>Father, we thank thee</i>	Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker**
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 644
<i>How sweet the Name of Jesus</i>	John Newton

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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every



tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and

he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Masaccio. *The Expulsion from the Garden of Eden*. 1425. Brancacci Chapel in the church of Santa Maria del Carmine in Florence, Italy.

Gradual Psalm 32 Beati quorum

Plainsong, Tone 1:1

BCP 624

Sung by the Choir

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Epistle

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exer-



cised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of

the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Duccio di Buoninsegna. *The Temptation of Christ on the Mountain*, 1308-11.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"



Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying

to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Ilya Repin. *Follow Me, Satan (Temptation of Christ)*. 1901.

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Jane Webster, W. Beaumont Whitney, III and Peyton Randolph Gray by the Webster family.

Today at Christ Church

- 3:00 p.m. Opening Recital of Pipe Organ Week. Sunday, March 5 at 3:00 p.m. at Christ Church. Timothy Hall, Organist will play the opening recital of weeklong celebration of the Pipe Organ.
- 20s/30s Young Adult Community: Butterducks Winery Tour on March 5. On March 5, our 20s/30s group will visit Butterducks Winery for their 11th anniversary celebration. The visit will include tours, arts & crafts and free food samplings. The wine-tasting is optional and not required to attend or enjoy the event. We will carpool from the church parking lot following the 10:30 a.m. service. RSVP at sierra.wilkinson@ccesavannah.org. Invite friends!
- 4:30 p.m. Thomas Jefferson to speak at Christ Church. Thomas Jefferson will make a presentation at Christ Church, The Mother Church of Georgia, on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. His comments will focus on the Virginia Statue for Religious Freedom which served as the basis for the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and on the separation of church and state and religious liberty. Mr. Jefferson will also take questions at the event. Bill Barker will interpret Thomas Jefferson. Mr. Barker has a degree in history Villanova University and has worked as a professional actor and director. He began interpreting Thomas Jefferson at Independence Hall in Philadelphia in 1984. In 1994, he began interpreting Jefferson at Colonial Williamsburg and has continued his affiliation there while also presenting Jefferson at other sites including Monticello, Montpelier, Mount Vernon, Poplar Forest, The Chautauqua, and numerous presidential libraries. He has been featured in Time, People, The Atlantic, and Southern Living as well as on CNN, NBC, ABC, and CBS. Mr. Barker has an encyclopedic knowledge of Jefferson's writings and uses Jefferson's words in his presentations and in the question/answer sessions he often holds after his talks.
- 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 four 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.

Other Dates and Events

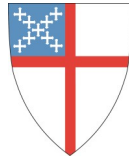
- **Time Change Next Sunday, March 12.** Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night.
- **Music News—Upcoming Youth Choir Rehearsals**
 - Sunday, March 12 during Sunday School
 - Sunday, March 19 after Church (with lunch to follow)
 - Youth Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, March 26
- **Summer Choir Camp** (completed grades 1-5). Tuesday thru Friday, May 30 - June 2, 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
- **EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)-Middle and High School—EYC Service Saturday: March 11 at 7:45 a.m.** Give back and volunteer time with EYC at America's Second Harvest on Saturday, March 11. Plan to arrive at America's Second Harvest no later than 7:45 AM. We will be helping their Brown Bag Program. For your safety, no sandals, clogs, flip flops or shoes exposing any part of the foot are allowed. Friends are welcome! We will need an accurate head count of volunteers, so please let Reverend Sierra know you're planning to volunteer.
- **EYC Game Night! March 24, 6-8 p.m.** Come and hang out on Friday Night with our EYC group at the Parish House! Bring your favorite games. We'll also discuss our April 29 basketball event & bake sale. Friends are welcome!
- **New Beginnings #50 - March 24-26.** Several of our EYC youth attended New Beginnings at Honey Creek! Mark your calendars for your next chance to experience this powerful weekend. New Beginnings will take place during the weekend of March 24-26, 2017, at Honey Creek. The cost of weekend is \$115 (scholarships available). New Beginnings is a weekend retreat for teenagers in grades 7-9. The weekend takes participants through a discovery about ourselves, our friends, our families, our faith, and how to live out our faith in our daily lives. Please let Reverend Sierra know if you're interested in attending!
- **Bruce Feiler in Savannah.** Savannah native and New York Times bestselling 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.

Mardi Gras 2017! "Laissez les bon temps rouler!"



Photos from February 26, 2017 Last 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 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*

Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

Vestry

J. Ryan Chandler, *Senior Warden*

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Denton W. Stone

Andrew M. Wright

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