

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year A

May 14, 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 Prelude on "Lovely"	Ralph Vaughan Williams
Processional	Hymnal 518
<i>Christ is made the sure foundation</i> Latin, ca. 7th cent.; after John Mason Neale	
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-278
Collect of the Day	

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31 <i>In te, Domine, speravi</i>	BCP 622
Anglican chant by Henry Purcell	Sung by the choir
Epistle	1 Peter 2:2-10
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 1
<i>Father, we praise thee</i>	Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer

Holy Gospel	John 114:1-14
Sermon	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Oh thou, in whose presence</i>	arr. David Peninger
Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S-155
Holy Communion	
<i>Pie Jesu</i>	Malcolm Archer
Hymn 341 <i>For the bread which you have broken</i>	Louis F. Benson
Hymn 416 <i>For the beauty of the earth (Dix tune)</i>	Folliot Sandford Pierpoint
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 366
<i>Holy God, we praise thy Name</i>	Para. of Te Deum; Ignaz Franz
(Stanzas 1 - 4)	
Postlude <i>Carillon</i>	Louis Vierne

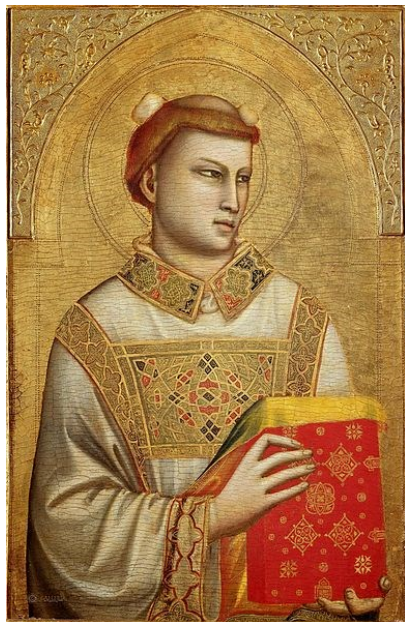
Christ Church is the “Mother Church of Georgia” and was founded on February 12, 1733. The current church building was constructed in 1838 and is the third one on the original site. Please remember Christ Church in your Will. Our website can be found at www.christchurchsavannah.org. Previous rectors of our parish include John Wesley, George Whitefield, F. Bland Tucker and George M. Maxwell.

*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.

First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of



God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

St. Stephen. Giotto. 1320. Museo Horne, Florence, Italy.

Psalm 31 *In te, Domine, speravi*
Anglican chant by Henry Purcell

BCP 622
Sung by the choir

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy na-



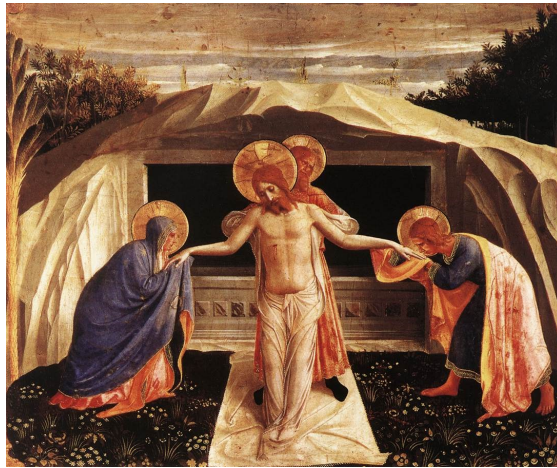
tion, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Christ Crucified. Sir Anthony van Dyck. c.1628-30. Kunsthistorisches Museum.

Gospel

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so,



would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I

do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Fra Angelico. *Entombment* ~ 1438. Alte Pinakothek, Munich.

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Julie and E.J. Benton, Evelyn and Barrett Gilbert, Emily and Joy Benton, and in celebration of Aline Callahan's birthday by the Benton, Morgan and Haenel families; and in loving memory of Susan Strobhar Dulany by her family and by Comer and Otto Immel.

Upcoming Dates

- May 25 is Ascension Day. Join us at 7 p.m. at Christ Church for an Ascension Day concert featuring Deux Voix! The concert celebrates not only the ascension of our Lord but also the restoration of Christ Church's famed Ascension Window. Admission is free. Special offerings will be accepted and will go towards the window's restoration.
- May 30—June 2 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. is our popular “Summer Music Week for Children” (pre-k through 5th grade). Please see Timothy Hall or Emily Williams Burch for more information. Registration forms may be found in the narthex or on the church's web site <http://christchurchsavannah.org/childrens-minsitry/>.
- June 4 is the Day of Pentecost and we will also welcome The Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase for his annual visitation to our parish.

Ascension Window Restoration

It is the vestry's great joy to announce that Christ Church is kicking off a once-in-a-generation restoration project of our Ascension Window. We are excited to play our part in caring for the sacred space in which Christians have gathered through the centuries and continue to do so today. The cost of the project will be approximately \$170,000. Thanks to the early dedication to this mission by our vestry and the generosity of several families, we have raised \$100,000 toward our goal. We are now inviting members and friends of Christ Church to be part of the legacy project of fully restoring the Ascension

Window, and we hope everyone will want to be a part of this historic opportunity. In the Narthex (lobby) of the Church you will find envelopes and Ascension Window cards. You can make your gift in thanksgiving for or in memory of a friend and/or family member. We ask that you please return a check with your card or you can use the information provided to make a securities gift. It is our hope to have all of the gifts received by our Ascension Window celebration concert on May 25th, the Feast of the Ascension.

Getting to Know You - The Dugas Family

By Florence M. Slatinsky

Mary Dugas is a Savannah native, baptized and confirmed at Christ Church. Patton grew up in the Catholic Church in Macon where his family settled after his father's military career took them around the world. Mary and Patton met in Athens— a true Bulldog love story! – and lived there until 2007 when they moved to Savannah, ready to be closer to family and start one of their own. Their first daughter, Liv, was born three months prematurely and spent two months in the NICU at Memorial. That experience led to a long-term involvement with the March of Dimes. Patton and Mary both serve on the board and lead a fundraising team, the Dugas Dimes, which raises money through the March for Babies walk. Their second daughter, Mollie, was born in August 2008. The girls were baptized at St Thomas' Episcopal and attend Savannah Christian where they are in the third and fourth grades. Liv is involved in children's theatre while Mollie shares her parents' passion for music. Patton is a commercial banker at Sun Trust. Mary operates MAD Skills LLC, a digital content agency for the music industry; an extension of her time working on the management team for Widespread Panic. How did you come to Christ Church? When Mary's brother, Hugh, died she went with her mother, Caroline Armstrong, to meet with Father White about his funeral. They had visited Christ Church a few times previously, but that event created the connection that led them to become members of Christ Church. Mary loves working with Sierra on the EYC programs and helping plan the Mardi Gras party. Patton is an usher. What's one of your treasured Christ Church moments? "Seeing Georgia Stone as baby Jesus was special in so many ways." Mollie Dugas is named after Mollie Stone. Mary and Denton's families have been friends for many years and Denton is Liv's godfather.

EYC Welcome Summer Party!

Saturday, June 3, Noon - 3 p.m.

Come celebrate the end of the school year with our Christ Church middle & high school youth! Join us at Fun Zone Amusement & Sports Park on June 3 in Pooler (1040 US Highway 80 East). Friends are welcome. Wristbands are \$21.99 per person and include 3 hours of unlimited rides on 3 of 4 Go-Kart Tracks and unlimited rounds on Mini-Golf courses.

Christ Church 20s/30s Picnic in the Park

Sunday, May 28 after the 10:30 a.m. service

Grab a sandwich, a blanket or lawn chair and join us in our city's backyard, Forsyth Park! We'll have great conversation and fellowship in the midst of God's creation.

Holy Baptism of Karis and Kenlei Bryant—May 7, 2017



A Special Announcement from the Rector

It is with a mixture of joy, pride, and sadness that we announce that The Rev. Sierra, Rudy, and Julia Mae Reyes will be moving to Denver, Colorado this summer. For six years, Rev. Sierra has served as a priest, friend, and colleague in ministry. Over these six years Sierra, Rudy, and now Julia Mae have been a key part of who we are as a church community, and they will all be greatly

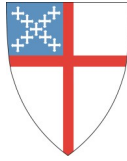


missed. Congratulations to Rudy who has been invited to be a Ph.D. student in Religious Studies at the University of Denver, Iliff School of Theology, where he will also be a Graduate Assistant with teaching responsibilities - a great opportunity to pursue his passions of academia and religion! The Rev. Sierra will spend the days of transition focusing on settling

the family into a new home in a new state with a new schedule. As life settles down in Denver, she will be discerning where God is calling her to serve as a priest in the Diocese of Colorado. The Episcopal Church in Denver will be greatly blessed by her ministry and presence, as well as the opportunity to share life with Rudy and Julia Mae. In speaking of Christ Church and her upcoming transition the Rev. Sierra states, *"It has been an honor to serve God among the people of Christ Church. This was my first call after Divinity School and you have shaped my ministry and life for decades to come. Thank you for allowing me to be your priest for these six years."* The 10:30 a.m. service on July 9th will be Rev. Sierra's last service with us as Associate Rector, but fortunately her mother will continue to live in Savannah, and we look forward to having the Reyes family visiting Savannah regularly in the years to come. We still have a while before July 9th but our prayers are with the Sierra, Rudy and Julia Mae and for Christ Church during this time of transition.

Photos from May 7, 2017—4th Sunday of Easter





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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*

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