

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year A

May 21, 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 <i>Blessed Jesus, at thy Word</i>	Richard Purvis
Processional	Hymnal 390
<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	Joachim Neander
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:7-18 <i>Jubilate Deo</i>	BCP 674
Epistle	1 Peter 3:13-22
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 512
<i>Come, gracious Spirit</i>	Simon Browne
Holy Gospel	John 14:15-21

Sermon	The Rev. Sierra Wilkinson Reyes, <i>Associate Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>The Gift of Love</i>	Hal H. Hopson
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	
Hymn 705 <i>As those of old</i>	Frank von Christierson
Hymn 707 <i>Take my life</i>	Frances Ridley Havergal
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 660
<i>O Master, let me walk with thee</i>	Washington Gladden
Postlude <i>Prelude and Fugue in C major</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach

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 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the in-



scription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations

to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Fra Angelico. *Christ in Limbo*. 1450. Museo di San Marco, Florence, Italy.

Psalm 66 *Jubilate Deo*

BCP 674

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your



conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is

better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Salvador Dalí. *The Sacrament of the last Supper*. 1955. National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

Gospel

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Franklin Reed Dulany, IV by his family; in thanksgiving for Christ Church and its wonderful congregation by Aline Callahan and her family; and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Sarah Elizabeth Fleming and Steven Brice Garrett at Christ Church on May 20.

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.

Upcoming Dates

- Evening Eucharist tonight at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Liam Collins, celebrant.
- 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.

- Sunday, May 28 after the 10:30 a.m. service—Christ Church 20s/30s Picnic in the Park. 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.
- 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-ministry/>.
- Saturday, June 3, Noon - 3 p.m. EYC Welcome Summer Party! 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.

- 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.

Christ Church's Low Country Boil—May 7, 2017



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

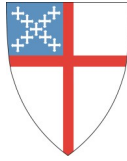


Photos from May 14, 2017—5th Sunday of Easter



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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