

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Year A

May 28, 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>All glory be to God on high (BWV 662)</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
Processional	Hymnal 494
<i>Crown him with many crowns</i>	Matthew Bridges
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 <i>Exurgat Deus</i>	BCP 676
Epistle	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Sequence Hymn*	Hymnal 686
<i>Come thou fount of every blessing</i>	Robert Robinson
Holy Gospel	John 17:1-11

Sermon	The Rev. Patti Rhoads Davis, <i>Deacon</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>The peace God</i>	John Rutter
Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-129
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal S-154
Holy Communion	
Hymn 324 <i>Let all mortal flesh keep silence</i> Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie	
Hymn 707 <i>Take my life</i>	Frances Ridley Havergal
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 460
<i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i>	William Chatterton Dix
Postlude <i>Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor</i>	Kristina Langlois

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 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to



know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?

This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Ascension of Christ. Pietro Perugino. Musée Municipal des Beaux-Arts, Lyon, France. 1496-98.

Psalm 68 *Exsurgat Deus*

BCP 676

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and



shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing

the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Ascension, c.1805-6. William Blake. Fitzwilliam Museum - University Of Cambridge, England.

Gospel

John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.” I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”



The Ascension. Giotto. 1305. Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy.

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Rob and Zoe Rinker and the anniversary of Annika Bockius-Suwyn and Anna Bell by Kim and Dan Suwyn; in thanksgiving for Mary Tyler

Whitney and in loving memory of Rosina Brock Whitney by the Webster family; in thanksgiving for the 26th wedding anniversary of Mills and Marianne Fleming; and in thanksgiving for anniversary of the Rev. Michael White's ordination to the diaconate on May 28, 1995.

Upcoming Dates

- 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. Evening Eucharist at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Liam G. Collins, celebrant.
- June 8—CCE Book Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Undercroft to discuss "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger.

Today is Seersucker Sunday!

It is no accident that the Second Sunday of Pentecost and Seersucker Sunday are joined together this liturgical year and celebrated throughout all of Christendom. The Feast of St. Seersucker began many centuries ago when an English missionary traveled by mule to Persia and India to convert the non-believers. When he arrived in various villages along the way, he was greeted by throngs of people who waved an unknown fabric of smooth and rough stripes and shouted, "Shir-o-shekar! Shir-o-Shekar!" which means, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the summer suit!" To honor St. Seersucker, we wear our

seersucker best and give thanks for this early missionary of our church.

Remembering Lt. John Helm Maclean

July 31, 1921–July 21, 1944

This Memorial Weekend we remember Lt. John Helm Maclean who was a life-long member of Christ Church and who died in the service of our country during World War II. Lt. Maclean grew up in Savannah and attended the Pape School (now Savannah Country Day), the Ashville School, The Hill School and Yale University where he was Phi Beta Kappa and the Editor of the Yale Daily News. After graduating from Yale in 1943, he was assigned to the 400th Field Artillery Battalion. He rose to the rank of 1st Lt. and in 1944 was sent first to England and then to Utah Beach on July 20 that year. While on patrol, one of his soldiers stepped on a mine and Lt. Maclean was killed in the explosion. He is buried with 9,347 others including four women at the Colleville-sur-Mer American Cemetery on the bluff above Omaha Beach. John was survived by his mother Emily Mariott Maclean, his older brother Malcolm R. Maclean (the mayor of Savannah from 1960-66 and a life-long member of Christ Church until his death in 2001), his sister-in-law Frances Maclean (who is a member of our church as well) and his niece and nephew John and Nancy Maclean. Lt. Maclean's name is listed on the Christ Church World War II memorial plaque which hangs on the south wall of our church. Below are additional photos including ones recently taken at Omaha Beach as Margaret Miller holds the Christ Church Seal over Lt. Maclean's grave.

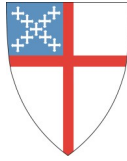


Photos from May 14, 2017—5th Sunday of Easter



Photos from May 21, 2017—6th 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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