

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year A

May 7, 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>The Good Shepherd</i>	Dale Wood
Introit <i>Sanctuary</i>	John Thompson and Randy Scruggs
Processional	Hymnal 376
<i>Joyful, joyful, we adore thee</i>	Henry Van Dyke
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 299
Collect of the Day	

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23 <i>Dominus regit me</i>	BCP 612
<i>Recited by Christ Church children</i>	
Epistle	1 Peter 2:19-25
Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 708
<i>Savior, like a Shepherd lead us</i>	Hymns for the Young, ca. 1830
Holy Gospel	John 10:1-10
Sermon	Matthew Bailey and Ethan White
Prayers of the People	Written and Led by Christ Church Youth

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates	
<i>Karis Delicia Elizabeth Bryant and Kenlei Madison Bryant</i>	
Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304
Prayers for the Candidates	BCP 305
Baptismal Hymn	Hymnal 296
<i>We know that Christ is raised</i>	John Brownlee Geyer
Thanksgiving over the Water	BCP 306
The Baptism	
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Sweet, sweet spirit</i>	Doris Akers
Ethan White, Kate Templeton and Jay White, vocalists	
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 663 <i>The Lord my God my shepherd is</i>	F. Bland Tucker*
Hymn 711 <i>Seek ye first</i>	Karen Lafferty
Hymn 490 <i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i>	Kathleen Thomerson
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 473
<i>Lift high the cross</i>	George William Kitchen
Postlude <i>Song of triumph</i>	Wilson Oliphant

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 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.

*F. Bland Tucker was Christ Church’s 37th rector and he served our parish from 1945-67.

First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

BCP 612

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

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of



speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Henry Ossawa Tanner. *The Good Shepherd*. 1902. Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University.

Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the youth and children of Christ Church.

Upcoming Dates

- Today is “Youth and Children Sunday” followed by a Low Country Boil. All are welcome! Join us at Captain Butler’s Retreat (115 Penrose Drive, Whitmarsh Island) following the 10:30 a.m. service!
- 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist this evening with the Rev. Liam G. Collins, celebrant.
- May 11—CCE Book Group will meet in the Undercroft at 10:30am to discuss “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks.”
- 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.
- 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.

Congratulations Graduates!

Christ Church congratulates its graduates! Here is a list of who they are along with the schools they are graduating from and where they will attend: (1) Elisabeth Bailey (Needham E. Broughton H.S. in Raleigh, N.C.—Ole Miss); (2) Matt Bailey (Savannah Country Day School—Brown University); (3) Margaret Ann Bohnstedt (St. Vincent’s—Florida Southern College); (4) Mary Jane Chappell (St. Vincent’s—undecided); (5) Kate Groce (Savannah Country Day School—Ga Tech); (6) Hannah Kumjian (Screven County High School—Georgia Southern University); (7) Alex Lynch (Savannah Country Day School—University of Georgia); (8) Marisa Strychalski (Doctor of Pharmacy, Purdue University); and (9) Ethan White (Savannah Country Day School—The University of the South-Sewanee).



Aline Callahan’s 96th Birthday Celebration

Please join us after the service in the Undercroft as we celebrate Aline Callahan’s birthday. Aline, the daughter of French parents from Savoie, France, will turn 96 years old on May 9 and was born in then-French Morocco in

1921. Her father was a physician who established free tuberculosis dispensaries throughout Morocco and later became the Sultan's personal physician. Aline attended a Catholic boarding school in Grenoble, France and later the Lycee Francais in Rabat, Morocco until the outbreak of World War II. She has two daughters, three grandsons and three great-grandchildren. She and her recently deceased husband Park were married for close to 49 years, and they moved to Savannah in 1978. Aline was confirmed as an Episcopalian shortly thereafter at Christ Church. Park passed away on March 30, 2016. Below are photos from past birthday celebrations.



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.

Holy Baptism of Karis Delicia Elizabeth Bryant and Kenlei Madison Bryant

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. In the words of the Catechism,

"Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God." In the waters of baptism we are lovingly adopted by God into God's family, which we call the Church, and given



God's own life to share and reminded that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ. During today's 10:30 a.m. service, Karis Delicia Elizabeth Bryant and Kenlei Madison Bryant will be baptized. Karis and Kenlei are the daughters of Sheila and Bakari Bryant and the younger sisters of Bakari, Jr. and Keanu. Karis was born on September 15, 2009 and Kenlei was born on March 15, 2012.

The Feast of the Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension, which we will celebrate on May 25, is one of the ecumenical (i.e., universally celebrated) feasts of the Christian liturgical year, along with the Passion, Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas. Ascension Day

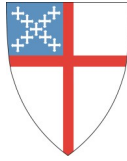


is traditionally celebrated on the sixth Thursday after Easter Sunday, the fortieth day from Easter day. The common thread linking all the New Testament Ascension references, reflected in the major Christian creeds and confessional statements, is the exaltation of Jesus, meaning that through his ascension Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God in Heaven: "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right

hand of God the Father almighty." It is interpreted more broadly as the culmination of the Mystery of the Incarnation, marking the completion of Jesus' physical presence among his apostles and consummating the union of God and man. The Ascension has been widely depicted in art and music. By the 6th century the iconography of the Ascension had been established and by the 9th century Ascension scenes were being depicted on domes of churches. The Rabula Gospels (c. 586) (depicted above) include some of the earliest images of the Ascension. In addition, Christ Church's Ascension Window over the altar depicts the same scene. Johann Sebastian Bach composed several cantatas and the *Ascension Oratorio* to be performed in church services on the feast day.

Photos from April 23, 2017





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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*

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Denton W. Stone

Andrew M. Wright

Christ Church, the "Mother Church of Georgia," was founded on February 12, 1733 and is a member of the Diocese of Georgia which, in turn, is one of 110 Dioceses which composes The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and abroad. The Episcopal Church is a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, a fellowship within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces, and regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury. The fellowship upholds and propagates the historic Faith and Order as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer.

