

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
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10:00 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>Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
Processional*	Hymnal 494
<i>Crown him with many crowns</i>	<i>Diademata</i>
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 16:16-34
Gradual Psalm 97 <i>Dominus regnavit</i>	BCP 726
Epistle	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 542
<i>Christ is the world's true light</i>	<i>St. Joan</i>
Holy Gospel	John 17:20-26
Sermon	The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, <i>Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Ministries</i>

Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Peace	

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>O thou, in whose presence</i>	David Peninger
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
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	Hymnal S-154
Holy Communion**	Hymnal 341, 712
<i>For the bread which you have broken</i>	<i>Omni dei</i>
<i>Dona nobis pacem</i>	Traditional canon
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 450
<i>All hail the power of Jesus' Name! (Omit st. 4 & 5)</i>	<i>Coronation</i>
Postlude <i>Grand Jeu (Suite du Premier Ton)</i>	Denis Bédard

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.

*Children ages Pre-K-6th 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.

**All Christians are invited and encouraged to receive Holy Communion.

First Lesson

Acts 16:16-24

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.



While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before

the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer

called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

St. Paul in Prison. Rembrandt. 1627. Staatsgalerie, Stuttgart.

Psalm 97 *Dominus regnavit*

BCP 726

1 The Lord is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.

5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O Lord.

9 For you are the Lord,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

Epistle

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Gospel

John 17:20-26

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they

also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because



you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Jesus saying farewell to his eleven remaining disciples, from the Maesta by Duccio, 1308–1311.

Prayers of the People

For the Sick and Those in Need +Charlie Aponick, +Felicia Wentway,+Barbara Sullivan, +Fred Sullivan, +Martha, Dale Thorpe, Jane Bockius, Michele Wright, Lauren Milmine, Diane Sellers, Joan Nichols, Hugh Nichols, James, Rose, John Noyes, Cindy Dear, Holly Dean, Kelly, Karen Higgason, Shirley Ritter, Erik, Ron Coley, Patty Ronning, C. Daniel Motsinger, Mary Reynolds, Michele Price, Josephine Hall, Diane, Farzad Ruchi, Bonnie Jean Small, Evans Wilson, Ryan Sabatos, David Howard, Ken Sorenson, Thomas Marsh, Molly, David Templeton, Emily, Barbara Benton, Hannah O'Malley, Becky Johnson, Joellen Evans, Cindy Murphy, Blythe Bailey, Stewart Thames, Ben Burrell, David Shephard, Jerry Miller, Louis Dent, Sidney Fowler, Fenton McEvoy, Tommy Herrmann, Charles Flannigan, Yvette Taylor, Meredith Vertili, Danny Hill, Lisa Butler, Ted Miller, the

Rt. Rev. Henry Louttit, Jr., Aline Callahan, Tommy Seipel, Taylor Summerell, Amy L. Johnson, Laura Angell, Ruth Stone, Will Ronning, Clara, Ronnie MacPherson Severance, Justin Elkenberry, Sandy Thornton, John Garner, Cindy King, Tara Hughes, Sam Varnedoe, Anita Clay, the Rev. Robert Horn, Judy Tschetter, Warren Fowler, Virginia

For the Birthdays of Caroline Keller, Crawford Lerch, Stephen Gerard, Gene Marshall, Lawrence Carson, Jim Gerhart, Harris Brown, Marisa Sauer, Rivers Hall, Catharine Varnedoe, Clay Bush, McKenzie Lynah, Henry Louttit, Bob Christian, Mollie Dugas, Audrey Agyei-Gyamfi, John McGinn, Pam Muccio, Larry Austin, Smith McGinn, Nora Smith, Alex Lawrence, Oliver Williamson, Shannon Hill, Heather Crampton, William Holden, Frank Chappell, Margaret Dickens, Harris Stone, Audrey Griffith, Denton Stone, Jud Hill, Garrett Zajac, James Mikell, Meredith Dulany, Henry Christian, Alex Lynch

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Catharine & Gordon Varnedoe, Montie & Steve Acuff; Kathie & Les Anderson; Donna & Jeremy Blalock; Wanda & Karl Bohnstedt; Angela & Ken Brandt, Barbara Powers & Kris Brenard; Bonnie & John Grieco; Lynn & Hudson Harrison, Elizabeth North & Wes Woolf; Rena & Nevin Patton; Holly & Peter Ruhlin, Brooke and Denton Stone; Judy & Phil Walters

For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families: +Eunice Bell, +Elaine Carleton, +Mar Wright, +Bill Miller, +Carlos Gil

Prayer Requests For prayer requests, please contact our clergy. You may also contact our prayer list coordinator, Erin Waterman, by phone 203.856.6361 or email at cceprayforme@gmail.com. + Indicates new prayer request.

Please remember Christ Church in your Will.

Announcements

Altar Flowers and Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann and Tom Stanley by Jenny Long and Emily, Caroline and Hannah; Dr. and Mrs. Charles C. Freed, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Courteney Tew, Ann Tew Espy, Catherine Tew Miller, Eloise and Carl Espy, Jr. and Carl Espy III by their family.

Hospitality

For the past twelve years, Ann Miller has led Christ Church's hospitality ministry which provides our after-service receptions for our congregation. Many others assist including Damon Fowler and Kathie Anderson who prepare the food while Ann sets up tables, platters, and pitchers. Marie Dent organizes volunteers who help as hosts and hostesses. The reception team needs volunteers this summer to refill beverages, remove empty trays, and assist with cleanup. If you are available to help on any Sunday from June through August, please sign up in the kitchen after church, or contact Catherine Gussler at admin@ccesavannah.org or Marie Dent at dent_mm@mercer.edu. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Thank you to all who make our reception a time of fellowship and fun. Thank you as well to Stephen Hooten and Erica Scales, who organize, cook, and plan the reception after our Sunday evening service. This service will resume after Labor Day.



Timothy Hall Receives Alumni Merit Award

Timothy Hall received The Alumni Merit Award from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey on May 17. The award was given in recognition of his achievements and contributions in the field of Church Music, Organ and Choral Conducting. Congratulations, Tim!



The Feast of the Ascension—May 30

May 30 marked the Feast of the Ascension, the occasion on which the risen Christ is taken into heaven after appearing to his followers for forty days (Acts 1:1-11, Mk 16:19). The Ascension marks the conclusion of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances. It is the final elevation of his human nature to divine glory and the near presence of God. The Ascension is affirmed by the Nicene



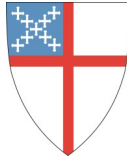
and Apostles' Creeds. The Ascension is celebrated on Ascension Day, the Thursday that is the fortieth day of the Easter season. It is a principal feast of the church year in the Episcopal Church and other Christian denominations.

For Luke, the Ascension was a significant moment in the disciples' personal transformation and the advance of the gospel through the church. He emphasized the importance of the Ascension by ending his Gospel with this event and beginning his second volume, Acts, with it. A distinctive feature of the feast's liturgy in the Western churches is the extinguishing of the Paschal candle, first lit on Easter, after the Gospel has been read, as a symbol of Christ's leaving the earth. Despite the idea of separation indicated in this act, which might be expected to set a note of sadness, the whole liturgy of Ascensiontide, through the ten days to Pentecost, is marked by joy in the final triumph of the risen Lord. One of the central themes of the feast is the kingship of Christ, and the theological implication is that the Ascension was the final redemptive act conferring participation in the divine life on all who are members of Christ.

The Ascension of Christ. 1958. Salvador Dalí.

Photos from May 26, 2019
Celebrating the Ministry of the Rev. Liam G. Collins





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The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, D. Min., *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend Helen S. White, *Assistant for Christian Formation and Children's Ministry*

The Reverend Samantha K. McKean, *Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Ministries*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Catherine M. Gussler, *Director of Administration*

The Reverend Canon Todd D. Smelser, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Priest Associate*

The Reverend David C. Seyle, *United Methodist Pastor-in-Residence*

Vestry

Denton W. Stone, *Senior Warden*; Karen H. Oelschig, *Junior Warden*;

Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry*; William B. Haile, *Treasurer*;

Montie Acuff; Bertice B. Berry, Ph.D.; Spencer R. Burch; Michael M. Franck;

Clayton Gagne-Thomas; Laura C. Lawton; Julia L. Mikell, M.D.;

Gary M. Radke, Ph.D.; Jerry H. Reeves V;

William H. Wallace, M.D.; and Louise E. Wyche

Sundays

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Nursery

The Nursery is located on the 2nd Floor of the Parish House, 18 Abercorn Street.

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