

The Celebration and Thanksgiving
for the Life of

Theodora Lippitt Gongaware

June 8, 1943 - January 9, 2018



CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

THE MOTHER CHURCH OF GEORGIA
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The Book of Common Prayer, Rite II (“BCP”)

Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn	Hymnal 473
<i>Lift high the cross</i>	<i>Crucifer</i>
Opening Sentences and Colct	BCP 491

Word of God

First Lesson	Job 19:21-27a
Psalm 23 <i>King James Version</i>	BCP 476
Holy Gospel	John 11:21-27
Homily	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Prayers of the People	BCP 497

Holy Communion

Offertory	Hymnal 416
<i>For the beauty of the earth</i>	<i>Dix</i>
Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Holy Communion*	
<i>It is well with my soul</i>	Philip Bliss
<i>Nearer, my God, to thee</i>	Lowell Mason

Commendation

Commendation Prayers	BCP 499
Blessing	
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 671
<i>Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound</i>	<i>New Britain</i>

Officiant	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Assisting Priests	The Rev. Helen S. White The Rev. Liam G. Collins
Deacon	The Rev. Patricia Rhoads Davis, <i>Deacon</i>
Organist and Choirmaster	Timothy L. Hall
Vocalist	Roger Moss
Crucifer	Samantha K. McKean
Verger	Karl D. Bohnstedt
Lector	Charles Martin

The Gongaware family wishes to thank the following for their assistance with today's service: Christ Church's Clergy, Parish Choir, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, and Usher Team. After the funeral today, the family will host a reception at the Chatham Club. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial to Christ Church, 18 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401 or Hospice Savannah, Inc. P.O. Box 13190, Savannah, GA, 31416.

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*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

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.

First Lesson

Job 19:21-27a

Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me!
Why do you, like God, pursue me,
never satisfied with my flesh?

‘O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.



Fra Angelico. *Lamentation over Christ*. 1436-1441
Basilica di San Marco, Florence, Italy

Psalm 23 *King James Version*

BCP 476

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Holy Gospel

John 11:21-27

Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

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“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

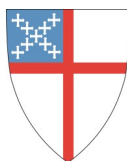
Matthew 11:28-30



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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 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*
Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*
Samantha K. McKean, *Assistant for Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

Vestry

J. Ryan Chandler, *Senior Warden*; Mary E. Raines, *Junior Warden*;
Sarah K. Jones, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Catherine M. Gussler, *Treasurer*;
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John Thomas Gennuso; Kelly O. Lancaster, Ph.D.; Laura Connerat Lawton;
Gary M. Radke, Ph.D.; Denton W. Stone; and Andrew M. Wright

Sundays

8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (September—May)

Sunday School and Nursery are located on the 2nd Floor of the Parish House,
18 Abercorn Street. Nursery begins at 9:15 a.m. when Sunday School is in session and
at 10:15 a.m. on other Sundays.

Wednesdays 12 Noon

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in the Chapel

Christ Church's office address is 18 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

The Church building is located at 28 Bull Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

The telephone number is 912-236-2500 and the office hours are

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

www.christchurchsavannah.org

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.