

The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
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May 19, 2019



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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>Simple Gifts</i>	Arr. J. Wayne Kerr
Processional*	Hymnal 205
<i>Good Christians all</i>	<i>Gelobt sei Gott</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### Word of God

First Lesson	Acts 11:1-18
Gradual Psalm 148 <i>Laudate Dominum</i>	BCP 805
Epistle	Revelation 21:1-6
Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 583
<i>O holy city, seen of John</i>	<i>Morning Song</i>
Holy Gospel	John 13:31-35
Sermon	The Reverend Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>

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

### Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Jesu, the very thought of thee</i>	Simon Lole
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 328, 304
<i>Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord</i>	<i>Song 46</i>
<i>I come with joy</i>	<i>Land of rest</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 492
<i>Sing, ye faithful</i>	<i>Finnian</i>
Postlude <i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing</i>	Arr. John Leavitt

### 6:00 P.M.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Contemplative service by candlelight with meditative music

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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](http://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 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised



men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its

four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they

heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Augusta Oelschig. Untitled. 1968. Private Collection.

**Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum***

**BCP 805**

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*

praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*

praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*

and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*

for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*

he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*

you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*

tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \*

fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*

creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

### Epistle

### Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

## Gospel

## John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him,



God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to

you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Fritz Ascher. *Crucifixion*. 1918. Private Collection.

## Prayers of the People

For the Sick and Those in Need +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, Diane, Farzad Ruchi, Bonnie Jean Small, Evans Wilson, Ryan Sabatos, David Howard, Todd Smelser, 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, Bill Miller, Charles Flanni-

gan, 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** Ann Miller, Wiley Ellis, Mary Margaret Macgill, Asa Davis, Philip Slatinsky, Jay White, Janet Miller, Chuck Chewning, Montie Acuff, Dale Wallace, Margaret Maxwell, Libby Miller, Aline Callahan, Catherine Holden, Todd Smelser, Jack Jones, Rusty Hightower, Kami Smith, Caroline Armstrong, Jerry Reeves, Reed Dulany, Gordon Varnedoe, Helen White, Nancy Radke, Dan Suwyn, Michael White, Stephen Hooten, Jack Chandler, Mitch Huennekens, Julia Christian, Kelly Benhase, Janet Stone, Logan Miller, Laura Lawton, Dana Kumjian, Jane Mikell, Charlie Davenport, Kelly Lancaster

**For the Wedding Anniversaries of** Betsy & Tom Hollis; Marianne & Mills Fleming; Susan & Brad Huennekens; Sarah & Solomon Smith; Taylor & Corey Summerell; Dale & Bill Wallace

**For Those Who Have Died and for the Comfort of Their Families:** +Nikki Rockwell, Virginia Johnson Freeman

**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](mailto: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 my mother, Barbara Britt, on her birthday by Traci Sikes; Celia Jones Williams by Celia and Larry Dunn and family; and in thanksgiving for Mom, Mimi, Janet and Aunt Lora by Josh White; and in celebration of the birthday of Franklin Reed Dulany IV by his family.



## Flower Guild Afternoon Tea

The Altar Flower Guild will be hosting an afternoon tea for its current and future members today in the Parish House garden directly following the 10:30 service. If you are a current AFG member, please join us for fellowship and updated information about AFG activities. This should be a delightful gathering in the amazing new garden.

## Welcome Guest Organist Erica Gillette

Erica Gillette is a native of Michigan but has lived in Savannah for nearly seven years. She earned her master's degree in organ performance from Indiana University. She has been the Piano Studio Director at the Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts since 2016 and also enjoys playing on occasional Sundays at churches all over the low country. Mrs. Gillette lives on Wilmington Island with her husband Rob and two sons Isaac (4) and Micah (1).

## Sunday, May 26 Receptions for the Rev. Liam and Mary Collins

Sunday, May 26th after both the 10:30 a.m. service and the 6 p.m. service, we will have receptions celebrating the Reverend Liam and Mary Collins. May 26th will mark Liam's last official day as our Assistant Rector for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life. Liam writes about his retirement: "As my 74th birthday appears on the horizon, it invites reflection on life and life style. Concurrent with this milestone, my ordination anniversary on June 12 will mark 48 years of ordained life. One of the most significant events in my ministry is Mary joining with me as a partner in this work. As of May 26, I will retire from my role as Assistant for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life, and I will transition to a retired Priest Associate. The notion that we have been so blessed to be able to bring our ministry to closure here at this incredible place fills me with joy and deep gratitude. In that context Mary and I will continue to be active members of this faith group that we treasure. This announcement does not necessitate goodbye, as we will remain at Christ Church and look forward to sharing our next chapter with this community."

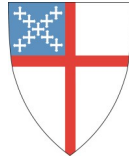


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The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, D. Min., *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

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

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Assistant for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*

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

Catherine M. Gussler, *Director of Administration*

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

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

The Right Reverend Henry I. Louttit, Jr., *Bishop-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., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Nursery

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

**Wednesdays 12 Noon**

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

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 912-236-25

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