

The Sixth 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>Prelude on "St. Columba"</i>	Harold Friedell
Processional*	Hymnal 437
<i>Tell out my soul</i>	<i>Birmingham</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Acts 16:9-15
Gradual Psalm 67 <i>Deus misereatur</i>	BCP 675
Epistle	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 642
<i>Jesus, the very thought of thee</i>	<i>St. Agnes</i>
Holy Gospel	John 5:1-9
Sermon	The Reverend Canon Todd D. Smelser <i>Priest Associate</i>

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

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Seek ye the Lord</i>	Varley Roberts
Adriel Baralt, tenor	Parish Choir
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 321, 490
<i>My God, thy table now is spread</i>	<i>Rockingham</i>
<i>I want to walk as a child of the light</i>	<i>Houston</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional	Hymnal 657
<i>Love divine, all loves excelling</i>	<i>Hyfrydol</i>
Postlude <i>We all believe in one God (BWV 680)</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach

6:00 P.M.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Contemplative service by candlelight with meditative music

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 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had



seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered

there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Henri Matisse. Portrait au manteau bleu. 1935. Private Collection.

Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*

BCP 675

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *

your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Epistle

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no

temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk



by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the

glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Healing of the Cripple and Raising of Tabatha. Masolino da Panicale. 1426-27. Cappella Brancacci, Santa Maria del Carmine, Florence, Italy.

Gospel

John 5:1-9

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate



there is a pool, called in Hebrew Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your

mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Christ Healing the Paralytic at the Pool of Bethesda, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, 1670, National Gallery, London.

Prayers of the People

For the Sick and Those in Need +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 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, Hester Hodde, 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: +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 in loving memory of Mary Tyler Whitney and Rosina Brock Whitney by the Webster family; and in thanksgiving for Annika and Anna's anniversary and for the birthdays of Dan and Annika by the Bockius-Suwyn family.

Operation Paperback

Thank you to those who have given gently used (no rips, tears or yellowing) paperback books to Operation Paperback. Please remember the project cannot accept the following:

- Hardback books
- Religious materials including bibles
- Politically-focused books
- Romance novels

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Receptions today for the Rev. Liam and Mary Collins

Today after the 10:30 a.m. and the 6 p.m. services we will have receptions celebrating the Reverend Liam Collins retirement. 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 As-



sistant 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."

Holy Eucharist on Sunday Evenings and Wednesday Noon

This evening will be our last Sunday evening service until the fall. Both our Sunday evening 6 p.m. service and our Wednesday noon service will resume after Labor Day.

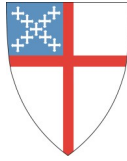
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The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, D. Min., *Bishop of Georgia*

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.

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

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