The Fourth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2011
5:00 P.M.

Christ Church Episcopal
Savannah
The Mother Church of Georgia
Established 1733
The Book of Common Prayer, Rite I (“BCP”)

Entrance Rite

Silent Procession
Penitential Order (Congregation kneels) BCP 319
Kyrie S-91
Collect of the Day
Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Word of God

First Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Gradual Psalm 23  *Dominus regit me* BCP 612
Epistle Ephesians 5:8-14
Sequence Hymn Hymnal 149
   *Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church* Thomas H. Cain
Holy Gospel John 9:1-41
Sermon The Reverend Michael S. White, Rector
Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People *Form I*
Peace

**Holy Communion**

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Welcome to Christ Church Episcopal. Please join us after the service for a reception in the parish hall. If you are in need of pastoral assistance, please contact The Reverend Michael S. White at michael.white@ccesavannah.org or 912-236-2500. *Vaata Jumala Tall!* (Estonian for “Behold the Lamb of God!”)
First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The
Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?"
And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And
Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he
comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful
eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the
one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his
brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day
forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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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**

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-- for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

**Gospel**

*John 9:1-41*

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had
seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had
already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Announcements

Upcoming Dates

April 17 Palm Sunday
April 23 and 24 Maundy Thursday and Good Friday
April 24 Easter Day and Baptism of Thomas Wallace
May 1 Hat Day
May 9 Aline Callahan’s 90th Birthday
May 26 Sierra Wilkinson graduates from Harvard Divinity School
May 29 Seersucker Sunday—Feast of St. Seersucker
June 5 Bishop Benhase’s annual visitation
June 12 Day of Pentecost

Easter Flower Memorials

Easter memorial flower gifts can be made to the Alter Flower Memorial Fund. All memorials will be printed in the Easter bulletin and the minimum contribution is $15 and can be placed in the alms basin. Please see Father White for more information. Please complete the following: Gift in memory of: _____ or Gift in Thanksgiving for: _______________ By: ____________.

Lent at Christ Church

During the Sundays in Lent, our liturgy follows the traditional Lenten beginning, *A Penitential Order: Rite I* (BCP 319). In place of our usual grand Processional Hymn, the clergy and servers enter for worship in silence from the front side door. After a brief time of quiet prayer, our corporate prayers begin with the Confession of Sins and the Absolution. Continuing to kneel, we sing the familiar *Kyrie* which is followed by the Collect of the Day and the First Lesson. The service then follows the usual year-round order. Remember, too, that during Lent, we offer our prayers using *Rite I* as a reminder that the season of Lent is an ancient season of the Church.
Understand also that we refrain from singing or saying our Alleluias until we reach that joyous celebration of new life and resurrection in the Feast of Easter and joyfully proclaim, “Alleluia. Christ is risen.” May God bless us all as we journey through these sacred days of Lent towards the new life of Easter.

Vestry Nominations Open

Christ Church Episcopal has begun accepting nominations for the vestry. Over the next few weeks nominations, suggestions, and names for consideration for the vestry can be given to the nominations/gathering committee. The committee members are T Gongaware, Ann Miller, and Sam Kay.

Rebecca and Gwen Flaherty to Star in Puccini’s “Sister Angelica”

CCE choir member Rebecca Flaherty and her daughter Gwen will star in Puccini’s “Sister Angelica” and “The Devil and Daniel Webster” by Douglas Moore on April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Averitt Center for the Arts in Statesboro. Admission is free. Both shows will feature supertitles, even though they are in English. If you want more information, please see either Father White or Rebecca. Also, Rebecca will be graduating from GSU’s master’s program this spring, and she will be performing her graduate recital entitled Great Masters in Miniature: The Song Literature of Opera Composers (including Richard Strauss’s Vier letzte Lieder) at First Presbyterian Church on Washington Avenue on May 1 at 3:00 p.m. and in Statesboro in the recital hall on May 6 at 7:30 p.m. Recently, Rebecca won first place in the South East Region of the NATS (National Association of Teachers of Singing) Auditions.
CCE’s Seal Travels to Utah

CCE’s Seal has been seen at new heights – this time on the western summit (often referred to as the “House of God”) of one of Utah’s tallest peaks. No one has explained what our Seal was seeking at that altitude. CCE youth member Alexander Fleming made the discovery (see photo to the right). Alexander is in the 9th grade and plays on his high school’s football and baseball teams. He also is a member of his high school’s chorus under the direction of CCE member Maaja Roos.

Confirmation Classes

CCE’s 2011 confirmation class starts the first weekend in May. Please contact either Father White or Sarah Brockenbrough for more information. Participants will be confirmed by Bishop Benhase on June 5.

CCE Photos for March 27, 2011
Christ Church Episcopal, 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. 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.