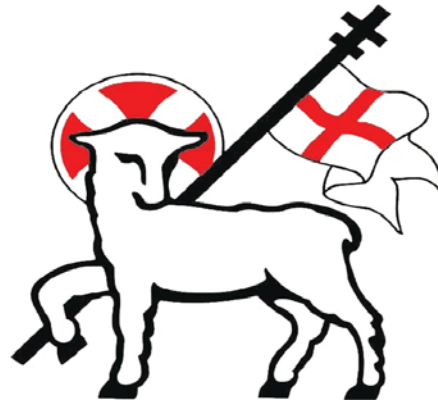


CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

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THE MOTHER CHURCH OF GEORGIA

SAVANNAH



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 21, Year B

September 27, 2009

5:00 P.M.





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The Book of Common Prayer, Holy Eucharist, Rite II (“BCP”)

Entrance Rite

Processional	Hymnal 546
<i>Awake, my soul</i>	<i>Philip Doddridge</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Gradual Psalm 124 <i>Nisi quia Dominus</i>	BCP 781
Epistle	James 5:13-20

Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 635
<i>If thou but trust</i>	<i>Georg Neumark; tr. Catherine Winkworth</i>
Holy Gospel	Mark 9:38-50
Sermon	The Rev. George M. Maxwell, <i>Rector Emeritus</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form VI</i>	BCP 392
Confession and Absolution	
Peace	BCP 360

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Now let us all praise God and sing</i>	Gordon Young
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving <i>Eucharistic Prayer A</i>	BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S-169
Communion Hymn	Hymnal 509
<i>Spirit divine, attend our prayers</i>	<i>Andrew Reed</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 539
<i>O Zion, haste</i>	<i>Mary Ann Thomson</i>

Please join us after the service for a reception in the parish hall. If you are in need of pastoral assistance, please contact The Rev. Michael S. White at michael.white@ccesavannah.org or 912-414-0378. Our address is Christ Church Episcopal, c/o The Episcopal Diocese of Georgia, 611 East Bay Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401. Our website address is www.ccesavannah.org.

First Lesson

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.



Rembrandt. *Assuerus, Haman and Esther*. 1660.

The Pushkin Museum of Fine Art, Moscow, Russia.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Psalm 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

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1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Epistle

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.



"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell., And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Announcements

Prayer Requests

Are you or is someone you know in need of a prayer? Would you like to remember someone's birthday? If so, you may do so by going to our website www.ccesavannah.org and clicking on "Request a Prayer."

Our Episcopal Church Shield



The Episcopal Church shield and flag are well known symbols of our church. The red cross on white is for the Church of England from which the Episcopal Church began; the white cross-crosslets represent the nine original dioceses; and the blue canton with the crosses in saltire is a reminder of the Episcopal Church of Scotland from whom the first American bishop Samuel Seabury received his consecration as bishop.

Readers and Greeters for September 20

Today, our greeters are Lila Critz, Sam Kay and Wanda Bohnstedt and our readers are Heather Crampton and Catherine Gussler.

The Rev. Scott Anson Benhase Elected Tenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

The Reverend Scott Anson Benhase was elected the tenth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia on September 12, 2009 at the Diocese's special elec-



tion convention held in Dublin. Bishop-elect Benhase is the rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C. and will succeed the Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit, Jr. who announced his plans to retire from the episcopate when the tenth bishop of Georgia is consecrated. Bishop-elect Ben-

hase's consecration has been scheduled for January 23, 2010 in Savannah. The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, will serve as chief consecrator. Above is a photo of Bishop-elect Benhase at St. Paul's, Albany.

Upcoming Dates

October 4 Feast Day for St. Francis and CCE's blessing of the (stuffed) animals

October 14 Bruce Feiler Lecture "America's Prophet: Moses and the American Story" at Wesley Monumental (7:00 p.m.)

October 18 Adult Forum Special Presentation at 4:00 p.m. by Holly Koons McCullough, chief curator, Telfair Museum of Art

November 22 Bishop Louttit's visitation to our Church

January 23, 2010 Consecration of Bishop-elect Scott A. Bensase as the Tenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

Interfaith Hospitality Network's 4th Annual Art Auction

On October 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. IHN will host its 4th Annual Art Auction at the DeSoto Hilton. Tickets are \$50 per person and \$80 per couple. Please contact IHN president (and CCE member) Montie Acuff for tickets by calling 912-236-6395.

October 4—Blessing of the Stuffed Animals/Feast of St. Francis

Saint Francis of Assisi was a Roman Catholic deacon and the founder of the Order of Friars Minor, more commonly known as the Franciscans. He is known as the patron saint of animals, the environment and Italy, and it is customary for churches to hold ceremonies honoring animals around his feast day of October 4. To commemorate St. Francis, we will have a blessing of the stuffed animals which are being donated by our youth to other children in need.

Alston and Isabel Macgill's Birthday Celebration—September 20



CCE Youth Photos—September 20, 2009



CCE Photos from September 20, 2009





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The Right Reverend Henry I. Louttit, Jr., *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend Canon H. Neal Phelps, *Associate Priest*

The Reverend George M. Maxwell, *Rector Emeritus*

The Reverend Susan W. Harrison, *Deacon*

Timothy L. Hall, *Choirmaster*

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