

## CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

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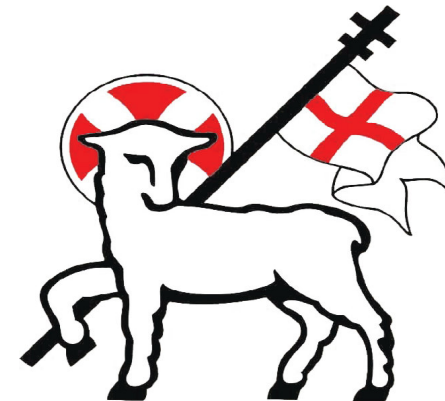


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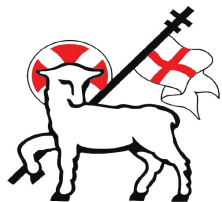


Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 12, Year B

July 26, 2009

5:00 P.M.



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

**Entrance Rite**

Processional	Hymnal 398
<i>I sing the almighty power of God</i>	<i>Isaac Watts</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Hymnal S-280
Collect of the Day	

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

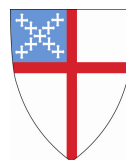
**Word of God**

First Lesson	2 Samuel 11:1-15
Gradual Psalm 14 <i>Dixit insipiens</i>	BCP 598
Epistle	Ephesians 3:14-21

**Prayer Requests**

Are you or someone you know in need of a prayer? Would you like to remember someone’s birthday? If so, please contact either Father White (912-414-0378 or michael.white@ccesavannah.org) or Margaret Miller (priory60@aol.com).

**Our Episcopal Church Shield**



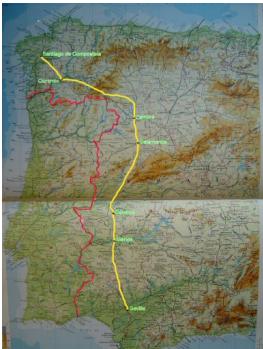
The Episcopal Church shield and flag are well known symbols of our church. The red cross on white is for the Church of England from which the Episcopal Church began; the white cross-crosslets represent the nine original dioceses; and the blue canton with the crosses in saltire is a reminder of the Episcopal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

**Christ Church Episcopal's Symbol of the Lamb.**

In Christian symbolism, the lamb represents Jesus, "the lamb of God" (*agnus Dei*) as described in John 1:29, and Rev. 5:12. Standing with a banner, the lamb represents the risen Christ triumphant over death. Standing with a cross and a gash in its side, it symbolizes the passion of Christ. Seated on a throne or a book, the lamb represents the judgment of Christ. The lamb is also a symbol for St. Agnes (Feast Day 21 January), virgin martyr of the early church.

## Feast of St. James the Apostle—July 25

James the son of Zebedee and his brother John were among Jesus' twelve disciples. They, together with Peter, were privileged to behold the Transfiguration, to witness the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and to be called aside to watch and pray with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane on the night before His death. Around 42 A.D. James was beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa I, grandson of Herod the Great (who tried to kill the infant Jesus), nephew of Herod Antipas (who killed John the Baptist and examined Jesus on Good Friday), and father of Herod Agrippa II (who heard the defence of Paul before Festus). James was the first of the Twelve to suffer martyrdom, and the only one of the Twelve whose death is recorded in the New Testament.



Tradition has it that James made a missionary journey to Spain, and that after his death his body was taken to Spain and buried at Compostela. His supposed burial place there was a major site of pilgrimage in the Middle Ages. Walking the Via de la Plata (which follows the Roman road north from Seville) today provides a vivid impression of the Spain James would have known.

The appointed Collect is: *O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 440
<i>Blessed Jesus</i>	<i>Tobias Clausnitzer</i>
Holy Gospel	John 6:1-21
Sermon	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, <i>Form IV</i>	BCP 388
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
Peace	BCP 360

### Holy Communion

Offertory	Organ Voluntary
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
Communion Hymn	Hymnal 335
<i>I am the bread of life</i>	<i>Suzanne Toolan</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 448
<i>O love, how deep</i>	<i>Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb</i>

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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 Rev. Michael S. White at [michael.white@ccesavannah.org](mailto: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.

## First Lesson

## 2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."



James Tissot. *David Sees Bathsheba's Bathing*. 1896-1900.

## **Search for the 10th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia**

After twelve months of considerable research and discernment, five candidates have been selected by the Diocesan Search Committee for consideration as the Tenth Bishop of Georgia. The Rev. William Willoughby, III was selected by petition. The election will occur on September 12 in Dublin and the consecration is scheduled for January 23, 2010 in Savannah. The candidates are listed below in alphabetical order.

### **The Rev. Scott A. Benhase**

St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
Washington, D.C.

### **The Rev. William Patrick Gahan**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
Wimberley, Texas

### **The Rev. Frank S. Logue**

King of Peace Episcopal Church  
Kingsland, Georgia

### **The Very Rev. C. Dean Taylor**

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Dalton, Georgia

### **The Very Rev. William Willoughby, III**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Savannah, Georgia

### **The Rev. Stephen F. Zimmerman**

Chapel of St. Andrew  
Boca Raton, Florida

ple saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.

When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.



4th Century (A.D.) Mosaic in the Church of the Multiplication  
Located on the Sea of Galilee in Tabgha, Israel

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

### Psalm 14 *Dixit insipiens*

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1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;  
there is none who does any good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, \*

to see if there is any who is wise,  
if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless;  
all alike have turned bad; \*  
there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*  
who eat up my people like bread  
and do not call upon the LORD?

5 See how they tremble with fear, \*  
because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
but the LORD is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

### Epistle

### Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being

rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel

### John 6:1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the peo-