

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2010

5:00 P.M.



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The Book of Common Prayer, Rite I (“BCP”)

Entrance Rite

Processional	Hymnal 401
<i>The God of Abraham praise</i>	<i>Thomas Olivers</i>
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 323
<i>Kyrie</i>	Hymnal S-91
Collect of the Day	

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Genesis 15:1-12; 17-18
Gradual Psalm 27 <i>Dominus illuminatio</i>	BCP 617
Epistle	Philippians 3:17-4:1

Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 150
<i>Forty days and forty nights</i>	<i>George Hunt Smyttan</i>
Holy Gospel	Luke 13:31-35
Sermon	The Rev. Michael S. White, <i>Rector</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People <i>Form I</i>	BCP 383
Confession and Absolution	BCP 330
Peace	BCP 332

Holy Communion

Offertory <i>The Lord is my Light</i>	<i>Frances Allitsen</i>
<i>Linda Jackson, soprano</i>	
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving <i>Eucharistic Prayer I</i>	BCP 333
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-114
Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-158
Communion Hymn	Hymnal 495
<i>Hail thou once despised Jesus!</i>	<i>John Bakerwell</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 339
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 149
<i>Eternal Lord of love</i>	<i>Thomas H. Cain</i>

Welcome to Christ Church Episcopal, the "Mother Church of Georgia." Please visit our website at www.ccesavannah.org for more information about our parish, the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia and The Episcopal Church. Our rector is The Rev. Michael S. White, and he can be reached at 912-414-0378 or michael.white@ccesavannah.org.

First Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12; 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in



my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Psalm 27:1-9 *Dominus illuminatio*

BCP 617

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days
of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Epistle

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Announcements

Transferees In

Christ Church Episcopal received the following letters of transfer to our congregation: (1) Kitty Norman; (2) Susannah Rockwell; (3) Steve Hooten and Erica Scales and their two children Sage and Selia; and (4) Erin Waterman. Welcome!

Upcoming Adult and Youth Fora for Lent

February 28	Music and Lent—Handel's <i>Messiah</i> (Timothy L. Hall, choirmaster)
March 7 and 14	Art and Lent (Linda McWhorter)
March 21	Poetry and Lent (Chris Baker, Professor of Literature at AASU)

Lenten School of Religion

The Savannah Convocation of Episcopal Churches invites you to participate in the Lenten School of Religion. Participants may choose from four course offerings which will span the five Tuesdays in Lent. Descriptions of the courses are listed below. Classes begin at 7 p.m. and end at 8:15 pm. Compline will be offered at 8:15 p.m. Please contact Deacon Geri Lee Nelson at Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church for information on childcare (912.355.3110)

1. **The Practice of Prayer** (The Rev. Scotty Brock) March 2. Ever asked, "What is prayer?", "How does prayer fit into my life?" How does my life fit into prayer?" or "How can I pray in the way to bring me closer to God?" These are just a few of the areas we will explore the next few weeks. Led by Father Scotty Brock, the class will touch on these questions and others as we journey together using all of our senses to grasp the practice of prayer in our individual spiritual pilgrimages. Requirements? An open mind and heart, a prayer journal.

2. **Heritage: History of the Church from the Apostolic Age through the English Reformation** (The Rt. Rev. Harry W. Shipps) March 9. This short course in Church History will cover: (i) The fall of Jerusalem and the Apostolic Fathers through Constantine; (ii) The Age of the Councils through AD 400 and the canon of Holy Scripture; (iii) The Dark Ages through the Crusades 1300

and the Celtic Church; (iv) The Continental Reformation, Luther and Calvin; and (v) The English Reformation and Anglicanism.

3. **Celtic Spirituality** (The Rev. Liam Collins) **March 16.** We will explore how Celtic Spirituality has something vital to say to the challenges with which we 21st century Christians grapple. Ultimately the pilgrimage is to the heart, where we will sit and listen with new reverence to its music.

Upcoming Holy Days 2010

March 25	The Annunciation of our Lord
March 28	Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
April 2	Good Friday
April 4	Easter Day
May 23	Pentecost
May 30	Seersucker Sunday

Jackson Jeffrey Kay

We are pleased to announce the birth of Jackson Jeffrey Kay who was born on



January 29, 2010 to Jeffrey and Kelli Ann Kay in Morgantown, West Virginia. Jackson Jeffrey is the grandson of Sam and Vickie Kay. *Heavenly Father, you sent; your own Son into this world. We thank you for the life of this child, Jackson Jeffrey, entrusted to our care.*

Help us to remember that we are all your children, and so to love and nurture him, that he may attain to that full stature intended for him in your eternal kingdom; for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eunice and Bob Bell Compete in Critz Tybee Race



Christ Church Episcopal communicants Eunice and Bob Bell ran the Critz Tybee Race on Saturday, February 6 (Eunice's birthday) and won their respective age group categories with an impressive time of 53:34 (they crossed the finish line together).

This year's race had a record 3,002 participants who ran either the half marathon (13.1 miles and which began at The Breakfast Club) or the 5K (which began in front of the Lighthouse). Congratulations, Eunice and Bob!

Savannah Philharmonic Board Boasts Three CCE Communicants

Three communicants of Christ Church Episcopal serve on the board of directors for the Savannah Philharmonic: Dick Platt, Chairman; Patty Gignilliat; and Catharine Varnedoe. On February 20, the Philharmonic performed Stravinsky's *Firebird* at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The Philharmonic's next performance will be the St. Pat's Pops on March 13, 8:00 p.m. at the Trustees Theater.

Tim Hall Opens CCE's Lenten Series

Christ Church Episcopal's choirmaster Tim Hall opened our Lenten educational series last Sunday, February 21, with a review of Handel's *Messiah*. Tim guided our



communicants through the *Messiah's* subtle (and not so subtle) Lenten themes and noted that most of the lyrics come from *Isaiah*. Composed in London during the summer of 1741 and premiered in Dublin, Ireland on April 13, 1742, *Messiah* presents an interpretation of the Christian view of the Messiah, or

"the anointed one" as Jesus the Christ. Tim concludes his lecture today, February 28. The next two Sundays, March 7 and 14 at 4:00 p.m., Linda McWhorter will lead our Lenten forum on "The Cross and the Resurrection." This fascinating discussion will begin with images of the crucified Christ - painted or sculpted, frescoed, on panels or suspended - and move to those of the resurrected Christ.

Celebrating Our 277th Anniversary -Oyster Roast at the Reeves'





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