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WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

CREATION

All of creation was made good, with humanity as its very good crown - created in the image of God, the delight of His heart.

FALL

Humanity rebelled, seeking to be god rather than to submit to God, and began to live life selfishly rather than according to His goodness. In this rebellion, we have bound ourselves under sin, evil, and death. This results in alienation from God, from one another, from creation, and even from ourselves, and brings us under God's righteous judgment.

REDEMPTION

God, in His mercy and great love for us and for all of creation, entered into the world to save people and to renew his creation: Jesus Christ, God in flesh, came to free us from sin, evil, and death. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for our sins, conquered evil and death, and was exalted as King over all.

INVITATION

We are invited to be reconciled to God and participate in the renewal of all creation. This requires repentance from our old way of life, having faith in Christ's act of love and mercy, and having a new life of grace and love with the Holy Spirit. This can begin now. Join with us in worship, as we come to God in our need, confess our sins, receive His forgiveness, hear His word, and are nourished by His self-giving love in the bread and wine. Please speak to one of our pastors if you'd like to learn more about forming a relationship with this God who loves you already.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Christ Church Anglican was founded in 1733 and maintains its historical heritage as the first church in Georgia and as a member of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese in the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA).

Parking can be found in our lot on 37th Street and is also available at the Library next door on Bull St. or at the Georgia Infirmary on 36th St. or The Whitefield Center at Drayton and 37th St.

Nursery Care is provided on Sundays beginning at 9 a.m. for children 4 and under, downstairs in the Wesley Wing.

<u>Children</u> of all ages are welcome to stay in the service. Children's activity bags and books for use during the service are available at the 37th street entrance. Please leave the activity bags and books in the pew or return to the Narthex. Little Church for children ages 5-10 takes place during the sermon.

Office Hours are 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

Weekly Newsletter to subscribe visit our website www.ccasav.org and complete the Stay in Touch information. A link to past editions is available on the Home Page.



Visitors, we are happy you are worshiping with us today! Please fill out this connection card located on our website.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please kneel or sit in silence as you prepare your heart to worship the Living God.

Prelude

"Shall We Gather at the River?"
The Bells of Christ Church

arr. Shawn Gingrich Gospel Hymn

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

Hymnal #450 In Babilone

THE ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 123)

Standing

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People His mercy endures for ever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 125)

All say together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DECALOGUE (BCP p. 100)

Kneeling

Celebrant God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God, you shall have no

other gods but me.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not murder.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

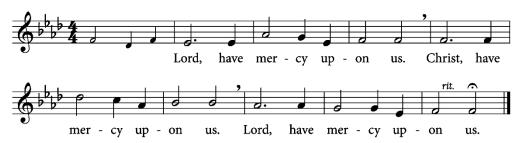
Celebrant You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not covet.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts,

we beseech you.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 605)

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And with your spirit.**

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, p. 784

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51:10-15 (Misere)

About the Psalm: During the season of Lent we will be chanting the Psalm using the ancient music of Gregorian chant. Solemn, reflective, penitent in nature, this music for chanting the Psalms reflects the season of Lent with both simplicity and holiness. (Note: change pitch at the small bar.)



- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, | and renew a right spirit within me.
- Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- O give me the comfort of 'your help again, | and sustain me with 'your willing Spirit.
- Then shall I teach your ways un to the wicked, and sinners shall return unto you.
- Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of 'my salvation, | and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.
- O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:1-10

Pew Bible p. 1189

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

During the 10:30 a.m. service young children are invited to "Little Church" at this time. Children will follow the crucifer (cross) out of the Nave and downstairs to the Wesley Wing. Parents of very young children are asked to accompany their child.

GOSPEL HYMN
"O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines"

Hymnal #661 Jerusalem

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Pew Bible, p. 1068

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading,

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Craig Stephans

THE NICENE CREED (BCP pp. 126-127)

Standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The reader pauses after each bidding, and the people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People **Hear our prayer.**

For Foley, our Archbishop, Alex our Bishop and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially the New Wineskins Global Conference.

Reader Lord, in your mercy People **Hear our prayer**.

For all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you, especially all those working in business and finance.**

Reader Lord, in your mercy People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially those in the country of Columbia.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy: People Hear our prayer.

Reader Your additional prayers are invited at this time.

Celebrant

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

^{**}After petition those whose vocations are named are asked to extend their hands to receive a blessing.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us,

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

THE PEACE (*BCP* p. 131)

Standing

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

PARISH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar greens are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dana Lee Deriso by Dr. Clark Deriso.

THE OFFERTORY (BCP p. 131)

The people give their tithes and offerings as the bread and wine are prepared. Online donations may be made at ccasav.org or through Venmo @CCASAV.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"You Do Not Walk Alone" Parish Choir and CCA Orchestra

Elaine Hagenburg U.S.: 2019

Traditional Irish Blessing:

May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark. May you always hear even in your hour of sorrow the gentle singing of the lark. When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone. May you always remember when the shadows fall - You do not walk alone.

Celebrant All stand

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SURSUM CORDA) (BCP p. 132)

Remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

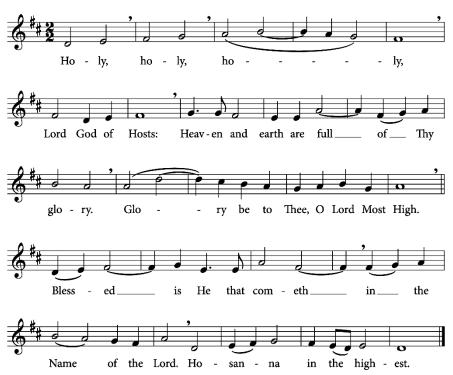
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

from Missa de Santa Maria Magdelena. Composer Healey Wilan (Canada:1880-1968)



The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

from A Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)@1971 GIA Publications Inc.



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 134)

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All say together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

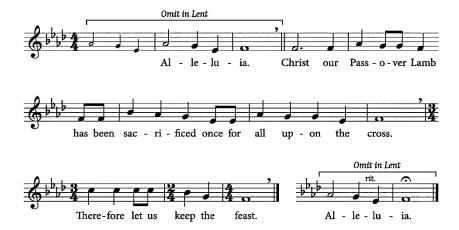
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION (BCP p. 135)

Christ Mass, Mark K. Williams U.S.: 2012



THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 135)

All say together

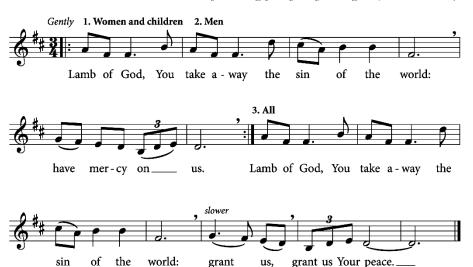
We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord

whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

From Mass for the King of Glory, Betty Pulkingham (U.S.: 1928-2019)



THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION (BCP p. 136)

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We invite you to come forward to kneel or stand at the railing to receive Communion or a blessing in the following ways:

- All baptized Christians may receive both the bread and the wine by either eating the bread and drinking from the cup or by leaving the bread in your palm for the minister to take and intinct (dip) in the wine and place back in your palm for consumption.
- To receive only the bread, after you eat the bread cross your arms over your chest as the wine is offered.
- To receive a blessing without the bread and wine, come forward and cross your arms over your chest, and the minister will offer a prayer of blessing.
- If you are unable to come forward for Communion, inform an usher and the ministers will come to you.

Intercessors are available for prayer in the corners of the nave.

"Dear Heavenly Father" Choristers

Lloyd Larson U.S.:1993

- Dear heavenly Father, You alone are holy; let Your Kingdom come and help us do Your will. Let us be as your angels obeying each command, let Your Kingdom come, and let Your will be done.
- Dear heavenly Father, You alone are holy, please forgive our sins and help us do Your will. Let us now forgive others as You've forgiven us. Let Your will be done.
- 3. Dear heavenly Father, You alone are holy, let our needs be met and help us do Your will. Let us flee from temptation; and turn from Satan's power. Let Your Kingdom come. (Stanza one repeats.)

COMMUNION MUSIC

The congregation is invited to join in singing praise to God.

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Create In Me A Clean Heart

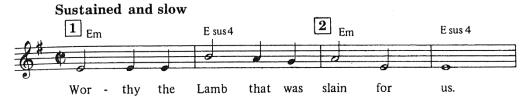


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Worthy the Lamb

(3 - part round)

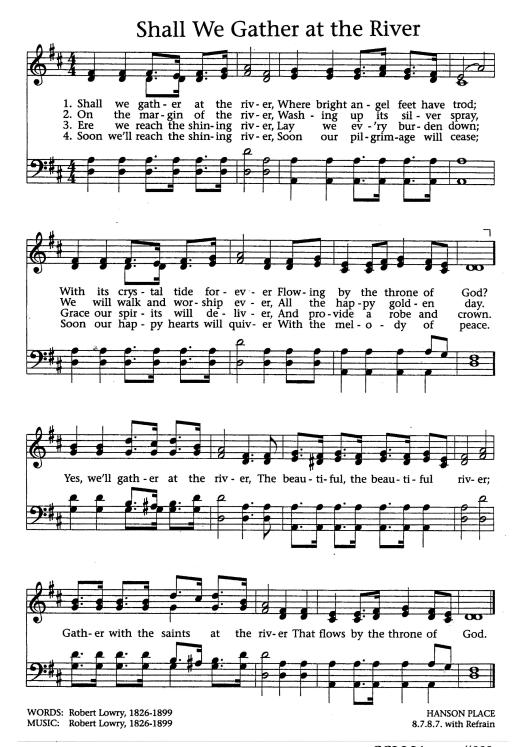
Richard Gillard





Blessed the Lamb . . .
Holy the Lamb . . .
Mighty the Lamb . . .
Jesus, the Lamb . . .

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Heavenly Father,

We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING (BCP p. 137)

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep you hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

PROCESSION OUT

"Lift High the Cross"

Hymnal #669 Crucifer

THE DISMISSAL (BCP p. 138)

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Refreshments and fellowship are available in Hebron Hall immediately after the service.

Come say "Good Night to God"

All Are Welcome! Sunday Evenings in the Nave at 8 PM

Compline, from the word "completion" is sung by the members of the Compline Choir as their offering to the Lord to commemorate the day's end.

The service is held by candlelight every Sunday evening from 8-8:30 p.m. and broadcast live on YouTube.

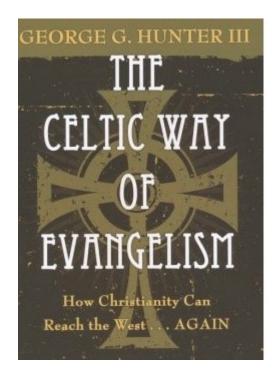


Fr. Bryan's Book of the Month: March Selection

Discussion Date: March 27, 5:30 PM

Hunter outlines an older, successful style of outreach as practiced in the British Isles during the Middle Ages. The Celts invited the unbeliever into the community; dealt with his questions and needs; then asked for a commitment to Christ and deeds worthy of repentance. How St. Patrick transformed his world---and so can we.

Available online at Christianbook.com



HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT CCA Midweek Eucharist, March 27 Noon Maundy Thursday, March 28 7 PM*^ Good Friday, March 29 Noon & 7 PM*^ Stations of the Cross, March 29 3 PM Easter Vigil, March 30 8 PM Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30 AM*^ Easter Sunday, March 31 Compline 8 PM[^] For more details visit ccasav.org * Nursery available * Service Livestreamed on Christ Church Anglican Savannah, YouTube Channel

No Sunday School on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Gather in Thomas Square on Palm Sunday for the 10:30 a.m. service.

Bring your bell to ring at the Easter Vigil!

Get your Hoots Ready...it is Hootenanny Time!

Today, Sunday, March 17, 2:30 - 5:30 PM, Wesley Gardens Retreat, 278 Shipyard Road.

Enjoy amazing toe tapping music from the Cavalcade-CCA's multigenerational super cool band but in a new location, at Wesley Gardens Retreat Center Main house today, Sunday, March 17 2:30-5:30 PM.

Polish your cowboy boots and join us for some family friendly fellowship as we say farewell to Josh and Bonnie Muehlendorf, who are moving to Texas. Please bring a potluck dish to share! Reach out to Max Belz with any questions!

Upcoming Events

- Women's Renew, Saturday, March 23, 9:30 AM
- CCA Office Closed, Monday, April 1
- Evensong: Praise & Worship Friday, April 5, 6:30 PM
- Men's Breakfast, Saturday, April 6, 9 AM
- Women's Renew, Saturday, April 20, 9:30 AM

For more events check the church calendar on the website ccasav.org



Allison Hall, CCA's Artist-in-Residence

Allison Hall is an artist based in Savannah, Georgia who primarily uses gouache to paint florals, landscapes, and still lifes. Originally from Dallas, Texas she constantly draws inspiration from the vast landscapes of her home state. Allison has a BFA in Illustration from SCAD, and still is enamored by the lush plant life of the low country. She's currently having lots of fun running Dreamhouse Studios, a studio space she founded with her friends in Savannah's Starland District.

To learn more about Allison and the CCA's Artist- in-Residence program read the article in the Newsletter dated March 14.

CLERGY

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