



*Christ Episcopal Church*  
 1521 N. Patterson St.  
 Valdosta, GA



May 17, 2020

10:00 AM

Easter VI

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

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*For this Service we will use the Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Blue Hymnal*

THE WORD

Prelude – *Be Thou My Vision*

Rachel Rumstay - Harp

Deborah Friou

Opening Hymn – *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Hymnal 400

Opening Salutation:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Response: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

BCP 355

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymnal S280

Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets

have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Psalm 66:7-18 (Unison)

BCP 674

*Jubilate Deo*

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;**
- 8 Who holds our souls in life,  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**
- 10 You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows,  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth,  
and his praise was on my tongue.**
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;**
- 17 But in truth God has heard me;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his love from me.**

## Lesson 2

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Hymn – *Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart*

Hymnal 488

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Dave Johnson

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Confession of Sin	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Doxology	Hymnal 380 vs. 3

## THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus (spoken)	BCP 362
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem (spoken)	BCP 364
The Communion	BCP 338

## Spiritual Communion

When we are unable to receive the Bread and Wine of the Holy Sacrament because of extreme sickness, physical disability, or, as in our present cause, the cancelation of public service to prevent the spread of infection, we can be assured that all the benefits of Communion are received. The follow prayer from the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, or some other prayer, may be said.

**In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.**

Communion Hymns – <i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i>	Hymnal 516
<i>Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove</i>	Hymnal 512
Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
Hymn – <i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	Hymnal 405
Dismissal	
Response: <i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!</i>	
Postlude – <i>All Creatures of Our God and King/ Sonata #4</i>	Beethoven arr. Jack Jones



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### **OUR VISION**

To receive God's grace in Jesus Christ, and share this grace with one another and the world.

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### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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