



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



May 24, 2020

8:00 AM

Easter VII

Rite I

Welcome to Christ Church!

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

THE WORD

Opening Salutation:	BCP 323
Alleluia. Christ is risen.	
Response: <i>The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.</i>	
Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Gloria	BCP 324

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

Lesson Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Exsurgat Deus

- 1 **Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.**
- 2 **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at
the presence of God.**
- 3 **But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.**
- 4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- 5 **Father of orphans, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!**
- 6 **God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 **O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,**
- 8 **The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 **You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.**
- 10 **Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- 33 **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.**
- 34 **He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 35 **Ascribe power to God;
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.**
- 36 **How wonderful is God in his holy places!
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!**

Lesson 2

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under

the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. "

The Sermon – The Rev. Dcn. Patricia Marks

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayer of the People

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The Peace

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THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer I

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The Consecration

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Communion

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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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 339

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*



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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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