



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



July 26, 2020

10:00 AM

Pentecost VIII / Proper 12

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 – *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn – *Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart* Hymnal 488

Opening Salutation: BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Response: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.***

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria Hymnal S280

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.***

Lesson 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able

to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Psalms 119:129-136 (Unison)

Mirabilia

- 129 **Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.**
- 130 **When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**
- 131 **I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.**
- 132 **Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your Name.**
- 133 **Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.**
- 134 **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**
- 135 **Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.**
- 136 **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.**

Lesson 2

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Hymn – *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

Hymnal 635

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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 cancellation 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>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i>		Hymnal 513
<i>Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God</i>		Hymnal 711
Prayer of Thanksgiving		BCP 365
Hymn – <i>O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts</i>		Hymnal 650
Dismissal		
	Response: <i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!</i>	
Postlude – <i>Prelude and Fugue in C Major</i>		J.S. Bach



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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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