



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



September 6, 2020

8:00 AM Pentecost XIV / Proper 18

Rite I

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

Opening Salutation: BCP 323
 Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 Response: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.***

Collect for Purity BCP 323

Gloria BCP 324

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Lesson Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 119:33-40 (Unison) BCP 766
Legem pone

**33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
 and I shall keep it to the end.**

- 34 **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**
- 35 **Make me go in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.**
- 36 **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**
- 37 **Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.**
- 38 **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear you.**
- 39 **Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgments are good.**
- 40 **Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

Lesson 2

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Dave Johnson

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| The Nicene Creed | BCP 326 |
| The Prayer of the People | BCP 328 |
| The Peace | BCP 332 |

THE EUCHARIST

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| Eucharistic Prayer I | BCP 333 |
| The Consecration | BCP 335 |
| The Lord's Prayer | BCP 336 |
| 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.

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| Prayer of Thanksgiving | BCP 339 |
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Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*



The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Dr. Dave Johnson, Rector
Kim Dudley, Church Administrator
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper
Millie Johnson, Director of Children's Ministry
Molly Stevenson, Director of Mid & High School EYC
Steph Johnson, Director of College Ministry
Kathy Armstrong, Choirmaster
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Director of Music

OUR VISION

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

VESTRY

2020
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