



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



September 13, 2020 10:00 AM

Pentecost XV / Proper 19

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
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THE WORD

Prelude – <i>Prelude on Down Ampney</i>	Henry G. Let
Opening Hymn – <i>All Creatures of Our God</i>	Hymnal 400
Opening Salutation: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Response: <i>And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.</i>	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280

Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalms 103:8-13	(Unison)	BCP 733
<i>Benedic, anima mea</i>		

**8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

- 9 He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**
- 12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.**
- 13 As a father cares for his children,
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.**

Lesson 2

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Hymn – *O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Hymnal 411

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with

him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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 – *Come Down, O Love Divine*
Lord, Make Us Servants

Hymnal 516
Hymnal 593

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

Hymn – *Go Forth for God*

Hymnal 347

Dismissal

Response: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

Postlude – *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Wilber Held



The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Dr. Dave Johnson, Rector
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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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