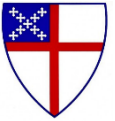




Christ Episcopal Church
1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA



November 29, 2020

10:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

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

THE WORD

Opening Hymn – *Lo He Come with Clouds Descending* Hymnal 57

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

Trisagion Hymnal S102

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us,

and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (Unison)

Qui regis Israel

- 1 **Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 **Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 4 **O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 **You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
- 6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 **Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 16 **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 **And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**
- 18 **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord

Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Hymn – *“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us*

Hymnal 61

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Sermon – The Rev. Dave Johnson

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Please join in saying the Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

Hymn – *The King Shall Come*

Hymnal 73

Dismissal

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

Postlude – *Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme*

J. S. Bach