



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



November 8, 2020

10:00 AM

Pentecost 23 / Proper 27

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 – *Lift Up Your Heads*

Hymnal 436

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, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

First Lesson

Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Psalm 70 (Unison)

Deus, in adjutorium

- 1 **Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.**
- 2 **Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.**
- 3 **Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.**
- 4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"**
- 5 **But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.**
- 6 **You are my helper and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not tarry.**

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Hymn – *Once He Came in Blessing*

Hymnal 293

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and

slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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 – <i>Rejoice, Rejoice Believers</i>	Hymnal 68
Dismissal	
Response: <i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!</i>	
Postlude – <i>Llanfyllin</i>	Wilber Held