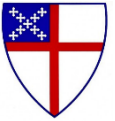




*Christ Episcopal Church*  
*1521 N. Patterson St.*  
*Valdosta, GA*



January 31, 2021

10:00 AM Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Opening Hymn – *Tell Out My Soul*

Hymnal 437

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

*Confitebor tibi***1 Hallelujah!**

**I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.**

**2 Great are the deeds of the LORD!**

**they are studied by all who delight in them.**

**3 His work is full of majesty and splendor,**

**and his righteousness endures for ever.**

**4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;**

**the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.**

**5 He gives food to those who fear him;**

**he is ever mindful of his covenant.**

**6 He has shown his people the power of his works**

**in giving them the lands of the nations.**

**7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;**

**all his commandments are sure.**

**8 They stand fast for ever and ever,**

**because they are done in truth and equity.**

**9 He sent redemption to his people;**

**he commanded his covenant for ever;**

**holy and awesome is his Name.**

**10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;**

**those who act accordingly have a good understanding;**

**his praise endures for ever.**

## Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess

knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Gospel Hymn – *Deck Thyself, My Soul With Gladness*

Hymnal 339

The Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Jim Pace

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 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
Hymn – <i>O For A Thousand Tongues</i>	Hymnal 493
Dismissal	
Response: <i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!</i>	
Postlude – <i>Soul Bedeck Thyself with Gladness</i>	Elizabeth Krouse

