



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



February 21, 2021

10:00 AM

First Sunday in Lent

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 – *The Glory of These Forty Days*

Hymnal 143

Opening Salutation for Lent:

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Response: *His mercy endures for ever.*

Kyrie

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The Confession of Sin

BCP 320

Absolution

BCP 321

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Psalms 25:1-9 (Unison)

BCP 614

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 **To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 **Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 **Gracious and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

**8 He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

**9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Hymn – *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

Hymnal 142

The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Jim Pace

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form I

BCP 383

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.**

The Peace BCP 360  
Announcements  
Doxology Hymnal 380 vs. 3

## THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 333  
Sanctus (spoken) BCP 334  
The Lord's Prayer BCP 336  
Fraction Anthem (spoken) BCP 337

Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

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 – *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Hymnal 150

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – *The Glory of these Forty Days* Robert J. Powell