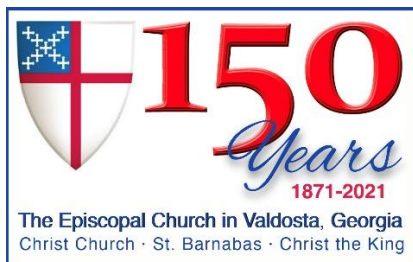
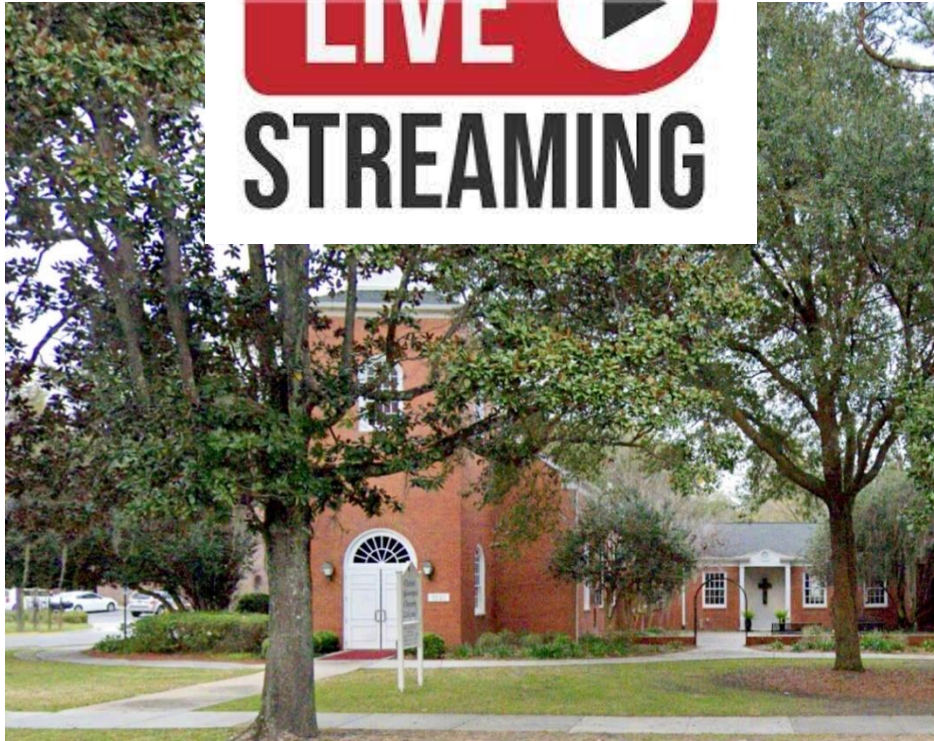
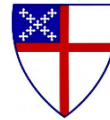


Christ Episcopal Church

In-person and



July 25, 2021
10:00 a.m.



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



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Pentecost 9 / Proper 12
Welcome to Christ Church!

Rite II

Prelude

Opening Hymn – *I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord*

Hymnal 304

Opening Salutation:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Response: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Hymnal S280

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

The Lessons

2 Kings 2:1-15

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen

from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over. When the company of prophets who were at Jericho saw him at a distance, they declared, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” They came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114 (Unison)

In exitu Israel

- 1 **Hallelujah!**
When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 **Judah became God’s sanctuary**
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 **The sea beheld it and fled;**
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 **The mountains skipped like rams,**
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 **What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?**
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 **You mountains, that you skipped like rams?**
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 **Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,**
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 **Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water**
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

I, Paul, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn – *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* Hymnal 635

Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 6:45-52

Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray. When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the

land. When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Jim Pace

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (Form III)

Lay Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
We pray your blessing on Christ Church as we receive your grace in Jesus
Christ and share that grace with one another and the world. Grant that
every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Frank our Bishop, Scott
our retired bishop; for Jim our supply priest, Peter our retired priest,
Marcia, Stella, Patricia, and Nancy and for all bishops, priests, and
deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, Brian our governor, for those serving in
the Armed Forces, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of
the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We remember especially:

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for the sick and troubled especially;
*Kathy Armstrong, Caty Carter, Jan Carter, Bev Cowart, S.J. Denmark,
Laura Paine, Baby Rocky, Hudson Tanner, Mary Thieme*

(The celebrant then concludes:)

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your
will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory – Praise the Lord, All Earth be Ringing
Mozart / Hopson

Choir

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S130

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share

our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith;

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior has taught us we are bold to say
People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S154

The Celebrant may say the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn – *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread* Hymnal 321

Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as
living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have
fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and
courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Hymn – *God, My King, Thy Might Confessing*

Hymnal 414

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

J.S. Bach

Special Notes

Contact Tracing Notice: If you test positive for COVID-19 within 5 days of attending this worship service, please notify the church office or one of the Vestry members immediately. Your confidentiality will be maintained, but we will notify those who were present that they may have possibly been exposed to the virus. We will also notify Canon Loren Lasch on the bishop's staff in accordance with Diocesan policy. All confidentiality will be maintained.

Update on Interim - The Vestry met in-person with a few candidates for Interim. The Vestry will be meeting to deliberate about the candidates on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Please pray for the Vestry and the candidates as they discern this process.

Thank You! – Please give our live-streaming crew a huge “Thank You” for all they have done. Julius and Julia got us going with the in home videos that were so special when the church was closed. They with Larry Wisenbaker, several of interns, and Kim Dudley moved us up to livestreaming the service when it was so difficult for many to attend church. They truly kept us together as a family during all those long and trying months.

Sunday Evening Vespers - a group of Christ Church members meet on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. to read the Compline Service, pages 127-135 in the Book of Common Prayer and for friendly conversation afterwards. To join the group and receive the link to the weekly gathering, contact Phyllis Hiers by email at phyllis.hiers@gmail.com or call 229-563-2464.

The 150 Years Celebration Committee is looking for someone who can provide calligraphy or hand-lettering work. If you are able to contribute your talent in this way, please contact Michael Black. Other announcements for the 150 Years Celebration are coming soon.

Altar Flowers this morning are given by Rev. Peter and Happy Ingeman to the glory of God in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary and in honor of their 1st Great-grandchild: Charlotte Abigail.