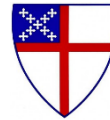


# Christ Episcopal Church



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



February 13, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

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Epiphany VI

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

Mobile text number simply text your gift amount to **844-928-4938**

Prelude - Toccata Concertato No. 1 (Azmon) Franklin D. Ashdown

Opening Hymn – *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Hymnal 493

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 strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People*

**Amen.**

## The Lessons

### Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse--who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 (Unison)

BCP 585

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 **Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 **They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.**
- 4 **It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 **Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**
- 6 **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.<sup>9</sup> The LORD will make good his purpose for me;  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

### 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – *Christ for the World We Sing*

Hymnal 537

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **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 IV)**

**Lay Reader:** Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

We pray for Christ Church as we receive your grace in Jesus Christ and share that grace with one another and the world, and for all people in their daily life and work.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Frank our Bishop, Scott our retired bishop; for David our Interim, Peter our retired priest, Walter, Marcia, Stella, Patricia, and Nancy.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Joe, our President; Brian, our Governor, and for those serving in the Armed Forces.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Kathy Armstrong, Caty Carter, Bev Cowart, S.J. Denmark, Janet Dickman, Barbara Gray, Marilyn Miller, Laura Paine, David Perkins, Theo Reed, Baby Rocky, Mary Thieme

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation,  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially

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that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.  
*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*(The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)*

### 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 - Bless the Lord, O My Soul  
Mikail M. Ippolitov-Ivanovo

Choir

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

## The Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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 S125

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 S169

*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 – *Blest are the Pure in Heart  
The Lord, My God, My Shepherd Is*

Hymnal 656  
Hymnal 663

Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And, since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

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 – *We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies no More* Hymnal 296

Dismissal

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude – *Voluntary on “Engelberg”*

Charles Callahan

## 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.

**Children's Church** will be held today during the 10:00 worship service. Father Perkins will dismiss the children at the appropriate time. Children (age older 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are welcome to join Keri Wilkin at the Gabard building.

**Flower Calendar** available in the Parish Hall. Please stop by and sign up for a Sunday to decorate the altar with flowers. They can be given in honor or memory of loved ones that will be printed in the bulletin.

**Flower Guild - Volunteers Needed!** John McRae is graciously serving as the chairman of the new Flower Guild. The Flower Guild makes small vases of flowers from the Sunday altar flowers and delivers them to our sick parishioners, to hospice facilities, and to nursing homes. Flower arranging ability is not required. The florists provide all you need. This is a wonderful and meaningful ministry for which John hopes to have a rotating schedule. Please call John McRae at 229-220-5619.

**Pub Theology Night February 17<sup>th</sup>** - We will gather for the next session of Pub Night at Georgia Beer Company on **Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7 PM. The group will set the ensuing topics, meeting by meeting.

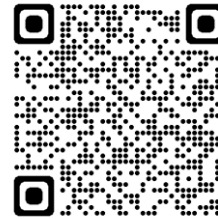
**Tuesday Night Bible study**, led by Dr. Willa Valencia, will meet on February 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Ron & Tammy Borders, 1718 Williams Street. All adults vaccinated against the Covid virus are welcome (Some of our participants have compromised immune systems). The meeting last an hour: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Bring your bible, any version.

**Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study** - A Women's bible study to begin at Tammy Borders' home at 1718 Williams St. Valdosta on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. It is open to all women. We will be studying Priscilla Shirer's book Elijah. **We will begin on Wednesday, February 16.** Anyone interested please let **Tammy** know so she can order a book for you.

## Special Notes – (Cont.)

**Generational Fellowship** – We will be starting back some fellowship opportunities in February. **20's and 30's** will meet on **Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** at the rectory beginning at 6:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided in the Gabard Building. **60's plus** will meet at 6:00 p.m. on **Saturday, February 19, 2022** at the home of Elise and David Sandbach (2607 Pebblewood Drive, Valdosta).

**Stuffed Animals for the CAC** - The Children's Advocacy Center helps children through the process of legal advocacy in child abuse cases. Can you help us provide some stuffed animals to give comfort to the children? The Stitches of Love are making some animals, but gently-used stuffed animals or monetary contributions are also good choices. We recently gave the center an assortment of 4" stuffed animals, handmade animals, and some donated larger ones. Their caseload is over 130 a month. Contact Julia Ariail at 229-563-0074 or Deacon Patricia Marks at 229-630-8644 for information or pickup. Thank you for your generosity.



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## Serving Today

**LEM:** Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko, Jeanie Synyard  
**Lectors:** Nancy Lutsko, Phyllis Holland, Mike Holland  
**Acolytes:** Joel Williams, Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko  
**Ushers:** Carter Coleman, Sparky Greneker, Matthew Wilkin, Hudson Tanner  
**Coffee Hour:** Sallie Honeycutt