

# Christ Episcopal Church



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



February 20, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

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Epiphany VII

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

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Prelude - Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier

J.S. Bach

Chorale Prelude on Lobe Den Herren

Johann Walther

Opening Hymn – *Love Divine all Loves Excelling*

Hymnal 657

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 Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People

**Amen.**

## The Lessons

### Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42     (Unison)

BCP 633

*Noli aemulari*

- 1 **Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.**
- 2 **For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**
- 3 **Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.**
- 4 **Take delight in the LORD,  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**
- 5 **Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him,  
and he will bring it to pass.**
- 6 **He will make your righteousness as clear as the light  
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

7 **Be still before the LORD**

**and wait patiently for him.**

8 **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

9 **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.**

10 **For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.**

11 **In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.**

12 **But the lowly shall possess the land;  
they will delight in abundance of peace.**

41 **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.**

42 **The LORD will help them and rescue them;  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because they seek refuge in him.**

### 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

*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 6:27-38**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. David Perkins

## **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, Maria, 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, 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  
Marilyn Miller  
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 - Ubi Caritas et Amor Emerson  
by Roger

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 – *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* Hymnal 674  
*Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace* Hymnal 593

### 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 – *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hymnal 390

### Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – Trumpet Tune in D Sam Batt Owens

### 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.

**Holy Conversations: Lenten Study, 2022** - A Weekday Evenings, beginning with a Lenten Supper at 6 PM. Imagine sitting around a table with 7 or 8 fellow Christ Church members for five meals and five conversations. Imagine how much you will learn about Christ Church and about them, how much of God's love and presence will surface. You will be asked to sign up in advance. Each evening will begin with a light Lenten supper. There will be activities for youth and children. The weeknight will be announced next week and will depend on the availability of our table leaders. Fr. David meets with most of them this week. We will avoid Wednesday nights, because clergy among our table leaders will need to be free for their parish Lenten activities. Normally, Holy Conversations occur on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings.

**Church Office** will be closed on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in observance of Presidents Day.

**Ash Wednesday** services will be held at Noon and 6 p.m. on March 2, 2022.

**Directory Update** We are in the process of updating church information for a new directory. One of our Interns; Abigail Easton, will be placing phone calls to congregational members and friends of the congregation to obtain their current information. If you have a new family photo, or would like to update the picture we have from the last directory, please email those pictures to the church office. Thank you for helping us update our records in preparation for a new rector.

**Tuesday Night Bible study**, led by Dr. Willa Valencia, will meet on February 22<sup>nd</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 continues 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.

### Serving Today

**LEM:** Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Julia Ariail  
**Lectors:** David Sandbach, Ruth Holland, Julia Ariail  
**Acolytes:** JD Greneker, Molly Stevenson, Paul Stevenson  
**Ushers:** Al Turner, Tom Carroll, Larry Wisenbaker, Stephen Sandbach  
**Coffee Hour:** Amber Tanner, Pepi Nelson, Elizabeth Wisenbaker