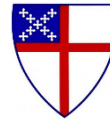


# Christ Episcopal Church



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



April 3, 2022

Lent V

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

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

Prelude – Jesus, Priceless Treasure Fredrich Wilhelm Zachau

Opening Hymn – *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* Hymnal 398

Opening Salutation for Lent:

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Response: ***His mercy endures for ever.***

Confession of Sin

BCP 352

Absolution

BCP 353

Kyrie



April 3, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

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*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People*      **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

Psalm 126

BCP 782    *In covertendo*

- 1 **When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.**
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 **Then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD has done great things for them."**
- 4 **The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.**
- 5 **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negev.**
- 6 **Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.**

**7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

### **Philippians 3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Hymn – *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured*

Hymnal 313

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

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

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

### **John 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for

three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

The Sermon – Mr. Bob Thompson

## 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 I)

BCP 382

*Deacon or other leader*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the  
salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and  
for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Frank our Bishop; Scott our retired  
bishop, for David our Interim priest, Peter our retired priest, Marcia,  
Stella, Patricia and Nancy; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray  
to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Joe our president, Brian our Governor, and for those serving in the  
Armed Forces, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let  
us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in  
them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let  
us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will  
to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. For *Kathy Armstrong, Caty Carter, Dave Clark, Wayne Cook, Bev Cowart, S.J. Denmark, Janet Dickman, Laura Paine, David Perkins, Baby Rocky, Mary Thieme*

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence*

*(The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)*

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

Offertory – *Lenten Sanctus*

Choir

Lee Dengler

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

# The Holy Communion

## Eucharistic Prayer C

*People* The Lord be with you.

**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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sara, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ 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 S164

*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 Hymns – *Cross of Christ I Glory* Hymnal 441  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Hymnal 474

### 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

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn – *We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died* Hymnal 471

### Dismissal

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

Postlude – Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

## Special Notes

**Children's Church** will not be held today, or April 10<sup>th</sup> due to Spring break holiday. We will resume on April 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Holy Conversations: Lenten Study, 2022** - Tuesday Evenings, beginning with a Lenten Supper at 6 PM. Our theme for the fifth and final Holy Conversation will be: What drives my spiritual life. Nursery will be open and youth and children will have activities to attend.

**Maundy Thursday Watching With Jesus** – We will be setting up a Garden of Repose with reserved sacrament Maundy Thursday night (April 14<sup>th</sup>) in the lobby of Gabard Building. You are invited to sign up for one hour during that night to pray and watch with Jesus. We want to keep company with Jesus rather than sleep through the night as his followers did that last night in the Garden. Jesus lamented, “Can you not watch with me one hour!” when he found them sleeping. Our answer: “Yes, we can watch with you one hour.” We will have security throughout the night, so you won't be there without another adult presence. Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall, or you can sign up by emailing the church office at: office@christchurchvaldosta.org

**Young Adult Gathering Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** - Young adults will gather at the rectory this Friday at 6pm. That roughly means adults below 40. Obviously, if one of a couple is over 40, that's no big deal. And, if you can't attend the middle adult gathering on Saturday night, come to this one. Age is not a huge deal. We want to keep regathering from COVID and find ways to worship, serve and play together. Father David is preparing a Cajun gumbo. You can help by bringing munchies, drinks, salad, and bread. Consider this way of doing that – salad (last names A-F), bread (last names G-L), drinks (last names M-S), and dessert last names T-Z).

**Middle Adult Gathering Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** – Middle adults will gather at the Rosenlund's home (5077 Falling Springs Road, Valdosta 31602) at 6:00 pm. That roughly means between age 40 and 60. Obviously, if one of a couple is under 40 or over 60, that's no big deal. And, if you can't attend the young adult gathering on Friday night, come to this one. Age is not a huge deal. We want to keep regathering from COVID and find ways to worship, serve and play together. Kirk and Stephanie will provide the main course. You can help by bringing munchies, drinks, salad, and bread. Consider this way of doing that – salad (last names A-F), bread (last names G-L), drinks (last names M-S), and dessert last names T-Z).

**Live-streaming** will now be broadcast simultaneously on Facebook and YouTube. If there are technical difficulties where one of the platforms fails to live-stream, we will upload a recording of the service as soon as possible. Thank you to our Live-stream committee for all your hard work.

**Grace Café held first Thursday dinner on March 24<sup>th</sup>** – Grace Cafe's first Thursday Dinner since closing from covid19. During our first dinner, we served 68 students and had a build your own taco bar with all the fixings. Additionally, Grace Café is running low on food pantry items and we are accepting financial donations for Thursday Dinners and food pantry items. To coordinate food pantry donation drop-off please contact Charles (Chip) Whiting 229-474-5588.

**Tuesday Night Bible study (on Monday nights through Lent)**, led by Dr. Willa Valencia, will meet on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of Ron & Tammy Borders, 1718 Williams Street. **We have changed the meeting day to Monday during Lent.** 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.

**New Book Study continues** - Christ Church will begin a mid-week brown bag book study on Wednesdays, from noon till 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Book: The Year of Living Biblically by A.J. Jacobs. Book can be ordered through Amazon or Books A Million. Questions or thoughts contact John McRae 229-220-5619.

**Holy Week Schedule** – Here is the schedule for Holy Week  
**Palm Sunday Services**, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00  
**Wednesday**, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross  
**Thursday**, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday w/ Foot Washing  
Garden of Repose – 7:00 p.m. – Friday - 6:00 a.m. – Gabard Bldg.  
**Good Friday**, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.  
**Easter Vigil**, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.  
**Easter Services**, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. (No noon service)  
Egg Hunt on church grounds immediately after 10:00 service.

## Serving Today

**LEM:** Stefani Carroll, Allan Dear, Sheri Gravett  
**Lectors:** Stefani Carroll, Bonnie Hanson, Marcie Dennard  
**Acolytes:** Nancy Lutsko, Chip Whiting, Phyllis Holland  
**Ushers:** Alex Alvarez, Eric Nielsen, Delrick Bradley  
**Coffee Hour:** Phyllis Hiers, Patricia Tyson, Julia Ariail  
**Live-stream Crew:** Julius Ariail, Charles Whiting, Larry Wisenbaker