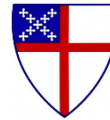


Christ Episcopal Church



March 20, 2022
10:00 a.m.



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1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA



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Lent III

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

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Prelude - *A la Venue de Noel*

Claude Balbastre

Opening Hymn – *Kind Maker of the World, O Hear*

Hymnal 152

Opening Salutation for Lent:

BCP 299

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

People
Celebrant
People

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

Celebrant
People
Celebrant

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that

he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

Psalm 63:1-8

Deus, Deus meus

- 1 **O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**
- 2 **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- 3 **For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.**

- 4 **So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your Name.**
- 5 **My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**
- 6 **When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- 7 **For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.**
- 8 **My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

Gospel Hymn – *Descend O Spirit*

Hymnal 297

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 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. David Perkins

Presentation of Candidates

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

Infants and Younger Children

Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

I present Mary Margaret Prevost to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant and younger child.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Celebrant addresses those present saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the
dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *Maggie* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver *Maggie*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open *her* heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill *her* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep *her* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach *her* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send *her* into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring *her* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Baptism

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Maggie, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

Maggie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory – *O Lord, Most Holy*

Cesar Franck, arr. Hal Hopson

Choir

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

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.**

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:

Sanctus

Hymnal S124

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 – *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* H 121
Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel H 574

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 – *Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessings*

Hymnal 344

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – *Allegretto and Allegro from La Primavera (Spring)* Vivaldi

Special Notes

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 5th 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 third Holy Conversation will be Telling Our Story: Dealing with hurts and disappointments. This evening will conclude with a service of healing and reconciliation in the church. Nursery will be open and youth and children will have activities to attend. **Please sign up so we can anticipate for the meal and the logistics of the room. Inserts can be placed in the offering plate.**

Pre-filled Easter Eggs Needed - We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 17, 2022, immediately following the 10:00 worship service. **We are in need of pre-filled Easter eggs.** Eggs can be dropped off at the church office Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9-12, or given to Keri Wilkin. Thank you for any assistance you can lend.

Search Committee For Next Rector – The Vestry is pleased to announce that we have formed a search committee. Steve Honeycutt has agreed to chair and Frances Guice has agreed to co-chair. The other members of the committee are: Cliff Baker, Len Carter, Ed Mistick, Anne Shenton & Katie Tanner. They will be working closely with Canon Lasch from the Diocese. Please keep the search committee in your prayers.

Pub Night Rescheduled - Georgia Beer Company cannot host us for our chosen night for Pub Night, Thursday, March 17th. It's St. Patrick's Day and they will not have the space. Lenten schedule constraints will push us to Monday evening, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. Let's gather then at Georgia Beer Company in the pump house. We'll set the next date then. The topic for this gathering, chosen by the group--Evangelism. Fr. David+

Special Notes – Cont.

Tuesday Night Bible study (on Monday nights through Lent), led by Dr. Willa Valencia, will meet on March 14th 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.

Children’s Advocacy Center Stuffed Animal Drive - The Stuffed Animal Project for the Children's Advocacy Center is off to a great start. Thanks to those who donated so generously. The CAC has approximately 125+ clients each month. Thanks to our donations all had a stuffed animal to hold last month. They need more every month. Keep up the good work.

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.

Holy Week Schedule – Here is the schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday Services, April 10th at 8:00, 10:00 & 12:00

Wednesday, April 13th at 6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 14th 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 15th at 12:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Services, April 17th at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. (No noon service today)

Egg Hunt on church grounds immediately after 10:00 service.

Serving Today

LEM: Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Julia Ariail

Lectors: Steven Taylor, David Sandbach, Gnann Moser

Acolytes: J.D. Greneker, Molly Stevenson, Paul Stevenson

Ushers: Al Turner, Tom Carroll, Larry Wisenbaker, Stephen Sandbach

Coffee Hour: Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark, Eric Nielsen

Live-stream Crew: Julius Ariail, Merrill Guice, Charles Whiting,

Larry Wisenbaker