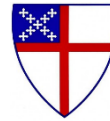


# Christ Episcopal Church



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



March 27, 2022

Lent IV

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

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Prelude - Deep River

Robert Lau

(incorporating Symphony No. 9, From the New World by Antonio Dvorak)

Opening Hymn – *Come Thou Fount of Many Blessings*

Hymnal 686

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



March 27, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People*      **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **Joshua 5:9-12**

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Psalm 32

BCP 624      *Beati, quorum*

- 1 **Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!**
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 **While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.**
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 **Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not conceal my guilt.**
- 6 **I said," I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in  
time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach  
them.**

8 **You are my hiding-place;**

**you preserve me from trouble;**

**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

9 **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should  
go;**

**I will guide you with my eye.**

10 **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."**

11 **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

12 **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

### **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Gospel Hymn - *Shepherds of Souls Refresh and Bless*

Hymnal 343

*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 15:1-3, 11b-32**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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 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, Barbara Gray, 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 - *Show Me the Way, O Lord*

Jay Althouse

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 – *Just As I Am*

*O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Hymnal 693

Hymnal 411

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 – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Hymnal 690

Dismissal

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

Postlude – is Fantasia on Cwm Rhondda

Dennis R. Johnson

## 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 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 fourth Holy Conversation will be When Our Safe Place Changes: The Bridge to Wishes, Hopes and Dreams. 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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+

**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.

## 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** - CAC Project Update: Keep those stuffed animals coming. The Children's Advocacy Center appreciates our donations of stuffed animals to comfort the children who come to the center for appointments. They schedule over 125 appointments each month, so we can always use more. Thanks for your help.

**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 Begins March 30<sup>th</sup>** - Christ Church will begin a mid-week brown bag book study on Wednesday, March 30 from noon till 1 p.m. The Book: The Year of Living Biblically by A.J. Jacobs. Book can be ordered through Amazon or Books A Million. We will begin with discussing the forward and Month One: September. 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:** Rita Hightower, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard

**Lectors:** Jane Kinney, Molly Stevenson, Gloria Corker

**Acolytes:** Maddie Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Nancy Lutsko

**Ushers:** David Blevins, Jason Reynolds, Martin Holland, Tanner Darby

**Coffee Hour:** Krystle Black, Sue Ellen Rumstay, Stefani Carroll

**Live-stream Crew:** Julius Ariail, Tom Carroll