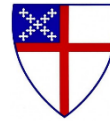


# Christ Episcopal Church



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



March 6, 2022

Lent I

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

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Prelude - Chorale Prelude on Heinlein

Beatrice Miller

Opening Hymn – *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Hymnal 150

The Great Litany

BCP 148

Opening Salutation for Lent:

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People      **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated



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us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

BCP 719

*Qui habitat*

- 1 **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- 2 **He shall say to the LORD,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust."**
- 9 **Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,**
- 10 **There shall no evil happen to you,  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**
- 11 **For he shall give his angels charge over you,  
to keep you in all your ways.**
- 12 **They shall bear you in their hands,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- 13 **You shall tread upon the lion and adder;  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your  
feet.**
- 14 **Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**
- 15 **He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**
- 16 **With long life will I satisfy him,  
and show him my salvation.**

### **Romans 10:8b-13**

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Gospel Hymn – *Christ When for Us You Were Baptized*      Hymnal 121

*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 4:1-13**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*People*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
**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, Marcía, 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, Wayne Cook, Bev Cowart, S.J. Denmark, Janet Dickman, Barbara Gray, Laura Paine, David Perkins, Baby Rocky, Mary Thieme*

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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

*Theo Reed*

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 - On Eagles Wings

Michael Joncas, arr. by Mark Hayes

Choir

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:

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; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 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 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 – *The Glory of these Forty Days  
O Love How Deep*

Hymnal 143  
Hymnal 448

## 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 – *In Christ There is no East or West*

Hymnal 529

Dismissal

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

Postlude – If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach

### 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.

**Holy Conversations: Lenten Study, 2022** - Tuesday Evenings, beginning March 8<sup>th</sup> with a Lenten Supper at 6 PM. We will put our names on a timeline on the wall in the decade we became a part of Christ Church and share briefly about how we became part of the community. We will learn so much about each other and about the story of Christ 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.**

**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 (on Monday nights through Lent)**, led by Dr. Willa Valencia, will meet on March 7th 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.

### Special Notes - (cont.)

**Children's Advocacy Center Stuffed Animal Drive** Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to date. We are in need of more new, or gently used stuffed animals. The Advocacy group has over 130 children each month pass through their doors. A stuffed animal to have and hold helps the children during their difficult time.

**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:** Mike Tanner, Allan Dear, Sheri Gravett

**Lectors:** Allan Dear, Sheri Gravett, Gnann Moser

**Acolytes:** Joel Williams, Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko

**Ushers:** Alex Alvarez, Eric Nielsen, Delrick Bradley

**Coffee Hour:** Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard

**Live-stream Crew:** Julius Ariail, Tyler Tucker, Larry Wisenbaker