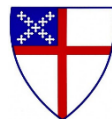


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1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA



April 24, 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

Rite II

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Prelude - Variations on O Filii et Filiae

Alexander Guilmant

Opening Hymn – *O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing*

Hymnal 203

Opening Salutation:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Response: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

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.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People:

Amen.



April 24, 2022
10:00 a.m.

The Lessons

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

Psalm 150 (Unison) BCP 807

Laudate Dominum

1 Hallelujah!

**Praise God in his holy temple;
praise him in the firmament of his power.**

2 Praise him for his mighty acts;

praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn;

praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals;

praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

6 Let everything that has breath

praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and

dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Gospel Hymn – *We Walk by Faith, and Not By Sight* Hymnal 209

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 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **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.**

Lay Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

We pray your blessing on Christ Church as we receive your grace in Jesus Christ and share that grace with one another and the world. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Frank our Bishop, Scott our retired bishop; for David our Interim priest, Peter our retired priest, Marcia, Stella, Patricia and Nancy and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, Brian our governor, for those serving in the Armed Forces, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We remember especially:

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for the sick and troubled especially;
*Kathy Armstrong, Caty Carter, Wayne Cook, Bev Cowart, S.J. Denmark,
Janet Dickman, Marge Fitzsimons, Laura Paine, David Perkins, Baby
Rocky, Mary Thieme*

(The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory - *All the Earth Rejoice*

Vivaldi, arr. by Hal Hopson

Choir

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer D

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

C3 LAND OF REST American Folktune

F(D) B^b(G) F(D) Dm(Bm) C(A) F(D) Am(F#m) Dm(Bm) B^b(G) F(D)
Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-

7 C⁷(A⁷) Fsus⁴ F(D) B^b(G) F(D) Dm(Bm) C(A)
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes. in the name of the

12 F(D) Am(F#m) Dm(Bm) B^b(G) F(D) C⁷(A⁷) Fsus⁴ F(D)
Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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.
Then will be sung*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn – *Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord* Hymnal 328
Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now Hymnal 194

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 – *Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

Hymnal 307

Dismissal

Response: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

Postlude – *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

Charles Callahan

Special Notes

Children's Church Mother McRae 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.

Undie Sunday - The Sunday after Easter has been known as under attendance Sunday due to much smaller numbers in attendance. This year we will make it a real Under Sunday - **UNDIE** Sunday, with a collection of new children's and woman's underwear to be donated to the woman's shelter. When woman and their children come to the shelter they have very little to bring and underwear is usually something that is not brought. Please consider purchasing new children underwear and socks or woman's underwear and socks. We will have a collection container at all 3 services. Question please contact John McRae, 229-220-5619.

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.

Senior Adult Gathering, April 30 -Senior adults will gather at the home of Steve and Sallie Honeycutt, Saturday April 30 at 6 pm. That roughly means adults above 60. Obviously, if one of a couple is under 60, that's no big deal. And, if you can't attend your particular age group gathering in May/June, 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. I am curious about what we might come up with for the summer in terms of activities and events. Creating third spaces off Sunday gives newcomers a safer space to move toward us and for inactive parishioners to regather. The Honeycutts 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). Steve and Sallie live at 1005 Charleston Place, Valdosta. See you there. Father David

Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for Monday, June 6th – Thursday, June 9th from 9-12. Theme is “Come Camp with Jesus”. Registration information will be forthcoming and will open on May 10th. Volunteers to help with V.B.S. are needed. Please let Keri Wilkins know if you are willing to assist.

Special Notes – cont.

Pub Theology Night April 28th – We get to have a relaxed conversation about matters of faith in a third space. We will gather on **Thursday, April 28, at 7 pm** at **Georgia Beer Company, 109 S. Briggs Street**. We will be in the brick building to the left with the garage door, unless something changes at the last minute. We will discuss St. Paul, and we will pick the next topic together. This is a great format for people without a faith community or people who have lapsed in the practice of their faith, so invite a friend to join you.

Tuesday Night Bible study, led by Dr. Willa Valencia, will meet on April 26th 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.

Thank you note from Zibi – Dear Friends in Christ, Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your Holy Conversations – what a blessing for me! It was a joy to renew old friendships and to have made some new friends as well. I know this process along with your prayers and perseverance, will result in a dynamic joint ministry carried out by all of you with the help and encouragement and enabling from your new rector... whoever that might be! You are such wonderful people and you already have the means and will to do the ministry to which you are called. How exciting! Blessings, Zibi Davidson



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Serving Today

LEM: Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard

Lectors: Marcie Dennard, Krystle Black, Tammy Borders

Acolytes: Maddie Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Nancy Lutsko

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

Coffee Hour: Bonnie Hanson, Phyllis Holland, Elise Sandbach

Live-stream Crew: Julius Ariail, Charles Whiting, Larry Wisenbaker

Altar Flowers are given today by Peter Ingeman to the glory of God in thanksgiving for family visits and Happy's Birthday.