

# Christ Episcopal Church



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1521 N. Patterson St.  
Valdosta, GA



May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter  
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Prelude - *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*

G.F. Handel, arr. by Charles R. Cronham

Opening Hymn – *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

Hymnal 460

Opening Salutation:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*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.

Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:*       **Amen.**



May 1, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

## The Lessons

### Acts 9:1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

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

Psalm 30 (Unison) BCP 621

*Exaltabo te, Domine*

- 1 **I will exalt you, O LORD,  
because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me .**
- 2 **O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health .**
- 3 **You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave .**
- 4 **Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;  
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness .**
- 5 **For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
his favor for a lifetime .**
- 6 **Weeping may spend the night,  
but joy comes in the morning .**
- 7 **While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the  
mountains."**
- 8 **Then you hid your face,  
and I was filled with fear .**
- 9 **I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,**
- 10 **"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"**

11 **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;**

**O LORD, be my helper."**

12 **You have turned my wailing into dancing;**

**you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy .**

13 **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;**

**O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

### Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

Gospel Hymn – *Shepherd 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 John.

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

### John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into

the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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 Elizabeth Margaret Holland 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 *Elizabeth Margaret* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver *Elizabeth Margaret*, 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*

Elizabeth Margaret, 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*

Elizabeth Margaret, 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 – *If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

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**

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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 san - na in the high - est, Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

12 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 – *This is the Feast of Victory for our God* Hymnal 471  
*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* Hymnal 711

### 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 – *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Hymnal 204

Dismissal

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

Postlude – *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Anna Laura Page

## Special Notes

**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.

**Children's Church** – Parents are now welcome to drop children off in the Gabard building for Children's Church prior to worship. Keri Wilkin will be in the first classroom on the left of the preschool wing. Keri will bring the children back to the church prior to the conclusion of service.

**Note about Announcements** – If you need to make an announcement to the congregation during announcement time, please step forward to the podium and speak into the mic. This assures everyone including our live-stream audience hears the announcement. Thank you for your help.

**Vespers** - Beginning May 1, 2022, the Vespers service will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary on the **first Sunday of each month**. For now, on the other Sundays of the month, the service will be offered on Zoom at 6:00 p.m. For this Vespers service we use Compline as is found in the Book of Common Prayer on pages 127-135. To join the Zoom service, email Phyllis Hiers to be added to the list of Zoom link recipients. All are welcome.

**Stitchers of Love** - For years, the Stitchers of Love have been creating and donating countless prayer shawls, lap blankets, scarves, baby hats and blankets, and other items. Stitchers of Love will meet **Sunday, May 1st from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. All are welcome to come stitch, or learn to stitch. We have many teachers.

**Tuesday Night Bible study**, led by Dr. Willa Valencia, will meet on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Special Notes – cont.

**Pub Theology Night May 5<sup>th</sup>** – We get to have a relaxed conversation about matters of faith in a third space. We will gather on **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm** at **Georgia Beer Company, 109 S. Briggs Street**. We will be in the **brewing room** not the pump house. We will discuss the Apostle 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.

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



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## Serving Today

**LEM:** Stefani Carroll, Allan Dear, Sheri Gravett  
**Lectors:** Allan Dear, Sheri Gravett, Stefani Carroll  
**Acolytes:** Nancy Lutsko, Chip Whiting, Phyllis Holland  
**Ushers:** Alex Alvarez, Eric Nielsen, Delrick Bradley  
**Coffee Hour:** Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard  
**Live-stream Crew:** Tom Carroll, Larry Wisenbaker