

Christ Episcopal Church



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1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA



July 3, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Welcome to Christ Church!

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Prelude - *Variations on America*

Charles Wesley

Opening Hymn – *Come Labor On*

Hymnal 541

Opening Salutation:

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Response: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People:

Amen.



July 3, 2022
10:00 a.m.

The Lessons

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

People The Word of the Lord.
 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.**

Galatians 6:1-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever

you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

Hymnal 717

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 10:1-11, 16-20

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even

the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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 III)

BCP 387

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

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
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,
Walter, 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:

Mary Thieme

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, Max Bontrager, Caty Carter, Wayne Cook, S.J.
Denmark, Janet Dickman, Irene Dodd, Marge Fitzsimons, Peter
Ingeman, Laura Paine, Rocky*

(The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.) Almighty God, giver of every
good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of
those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a
faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our
ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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 - *America the Beautiful* Choir
Katherine Lee Bates and Samuel A. Ward

Doxology Hymnal 380 vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus Hymnal S130

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith;

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.

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 – *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Hymnal 321
Hymnal 498

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 – *God of Our Fathers*

Hymnal 718

Dismissal

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

Postlude – *Fantasia on “America the Beautiful”*

Rex Koury

Special Notes

June 2022 Pictorial Directory is currently available. Please contact the church office if you would like a digital PDF, or a hard copy of the directory. Please note, it is the policy of Christ Church that the directory document will not be placed online for privacy considerations. However, Kim will make available paper and PDF file copies upon request. Please email Kim at the church office at office@christchurchvaldosta.org. If you have corrections or additions to be made to the directory, please send those to Kim and we will get them into the December directory. Thank you for your help.

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.

Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Father Perkins will be out of the office on study leave from July 5th – July 11th. If you have any concerns or pastoral emergencies, please contact the church office, or Senior Warden – Nancy Lutsko.

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.

Serving Today

LEM: Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko, Mike Tanner

Lectors: Nancy Lutsko, Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark

Acolytes: Joel Williams, Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko

Ushers: Alex Alvarez, Eric Nielsen, Delrick Bradley

Coffee Hour: Pat Denmark

Live-stream Crew: Julius Ariail, Tom Carroll, Ken Rumstay