

# Christ Episcopal Church



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



August 14, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Welcome to Christ Church!

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Prelude - *O Rest in the Lord, from Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn, arr. by William C Carl

Opening Hymn – *All Glory be to God on High*

Hymnal 421

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.***



August 14, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

## Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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

#### Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

*People*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Qui regis Israel*

- 1 **Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- 2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 8 **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**
- 9 **You prepared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.**
- 10 **The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**
- 11 **You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea  
and its branches to the River.**
- 12 **Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**
- 13 **The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**
- 14 **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.**
- 15 **They burn it with fire like rubbish;  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**
- 16 **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 **And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**
- 18 **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be  
saved.**

**Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Gospel Hymn – *Judge Eternal, Throned In Splendor*

Hymnal 596

*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 12:49-56**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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:

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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, Jimmy Carroll, Caty Carter, Wayne Cook, S.J. Denmark, Janet Dickman, Marge Fitzsimons, Peter Ingeman, Laura Paine, Richard Rigby, Rocky*

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*(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.*

### The Confession of Sin

*God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.*

*The absolution.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Offertory — Ye People Rend Your Hearts and If with All Your Hearts from Elijah **Choir**  
(Chris Rutland, tenor)  
Felix Mendelssohn

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

## The Holy Communion

### 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 – *I want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Hymnal 490  
*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Hymnal 691

### **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 – *Holy God We Praise Your Name*

Hymnal 366

Dismissal

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

Postlude – Grand March

Felix Mendelssohn, arr. by Roland Diggle

## **Special Notes**

**Community outreach**, the first 2 Sundays in August we will be collecting school supplies for local public schools. Notebook paper, packs of pencils, rubber erasers, crayons, blunt nose scissors. Questions call? John McRae 229-220-5619, school supplies coordinator. Thank you for your support.

**Pub Night, Tuesday, August 16** - We will gather at Georgia Beer Company, 109 S Briggs St, Valdosta, GA, this Tuesday at 7 pm in the pump house for Pub Night. The topic for this Pub Night, chosen by the participants last time, will be "Evil and Sin." Feel free to invite a non-Christ Church friend or relative. We're in a relaxed atmosphere with no "lesson" to be taught, just questions to be pursued. One of the church's ancient traditions is that theology is faith seeking understanding. So, we seek together.

**HEP is having a LUNCH** time gathering, Friday, Aug 26 at noon. Please bring finger/ mini sandwiches or salad to share. Drinks and dessert provided. At the home of John and Marcia McRae **2701 Green Meadow Dr**, in the Eager subdivision. Please respond to 229-220-5619.

**Celebrate Molly Stevenson** – Please plan to join us to celebrate Molly Stevenson's dedication and ministry to Christ Church and our EYC Youth program. Molly has decided after years of service to our youth, to focus her attention elsewhere. Please plan to join us on August 21<sup>st</sup> for a reception in honor of Molly in the Parish Hall immediately following the 10:00 worship service.

**Foyer Groups are being formed** – Foyer Groups are made up of 8-10 people who meet (preferably) every month to get to know one another better. The groups can meet in different houses, or restaurants, and any night of the week they decide on. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please email Kim at the church or text or email Jeani Synyard - jsynyard@bellsouth.net or 229-834-6004. You may sign up until September 11. Groups will be put together shortly after that, so that you will be able to start meeting in October. Contact Jeani if you have any questions.

**Please mark your calendars** – We will have lunch with a Kick Off Day-Ministry Fair on September 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:00 service. **We will only have a 10:00 service on September 11<sup>th</sup>.** Men in Blue will be cooking Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. We will have a waterslide, bounce house and fun activities for the kids, while adults can explore all that Christ Church has to offer during the Ministry Fair. Tables and booths will be set up for you to find out about a ministry that interests you, and sign up to be a part of the work of the church.

### *Special Notes- cont.*

**Children's Church** will resume on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Children age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to meet Keri Wilkin in the Children's Classroom in Gabard. (This is the first classroom on the left in the preschool hallway.)

**Flower Guild** is in need of some more vases. We need wide mouth vases not bud vases. Vases can be dropped off in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your support.

**Save the dates:** Christ Church Staff, Vestry, Team Leaders, and Committee Chairs met on Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> for a quarterly planning meeting. A number of items were address, and dates were planned. Below is a list of upcoming calendar dates. A calendar link has been added to the bottom of the Christ Church website homepage as well. More details will be distributed when the events get closer, but we wanted to get these dates out so you can mark your calendars:

- Aug. 16:** Pub Theology – Georgia Beer Company
- Aug. 21:** Molly Stevenson Reception
- Aug. 26:** HEP Lunch – John & Marcia McRae's home
- Sept 11:** Kick-off and Ministry Fair with Men in Blue cooking
- Sept 17:** Ground Breaking – Dave Clark "Build for the Cure"
- Sept 29:** Thursday Dinner – Grace Café
- Oct. 2:** Parish Brunch after 10:00 service
- Oct. 13:** Thursday Dinner – Grace Café
- Oct. 20:** Oktoberfest
- Oct. 22 – Nov. 5:** Dave Clark "Build for the Cure"
- Oct. 27:** Brookwood North Neighborhood Association
- Oct. 30:** Trunk or Treat – Front Parking Lot after 10:00 service
- Nov. 6:** Parish Picnic at Marvin & Lyn Dickey's Home
- Nov. 10-12:** Diocesan Convention – Savannah
- Nov. 17:** Thursday Dinner – Grace Café
- Nov. 19:** Dedication of Dave Clark "Build for the Cure" Home
- Nov. 24:** Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck – 2:00 pm – Parish Hall
- Dec. 3:** Children's Christmas Party and Parade Watching

### **Serving Today**

**LEM:** Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Julia Ariail  
**Lectors:** Julia Ariail, David Sandbach, Ruth Holland  
**Acolytes:** Maddie Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Nancy Lutsko  
**Altar Guild:** Team 2 – Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona  
**Ushers:** Hudson Tanner, Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby  
**Coffee Hour:** Bonnie Hanson, Phyllis Holland, Elise Sandbach  
**Live-stream Crew:** Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay