

# Christ Episcopal Church



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



August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Rite II

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Prelude - *Brother James Air And Morning Has Broken* Larry Shackley

Opening Hymn – *Morning Has Broken* Hymnal 8

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 21, 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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 71:1-6 (Unison)

BCP 683

*In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be ashamed.**
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.**
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,  
my confidence since I was young.**

**6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;  
my praise shall be always of you.**

### **Hebrews 12:18-29**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

Gospel Hymn – *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Hymnal 685

*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 13:10-17**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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, Walter our assisting  
priest, Nancy our deacon; Peter, and Marcia our retired priests, Stella and  
Patricia our retired deacons 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 – *Go Not Far From Me, O God*  
Zingarelli

Choir

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 – *O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Hymnal 411

## **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 – *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Hymnal 493

Dismissal

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

Postlude – Toccata Concertato No. 1, Azmon

Franklin D. Ashdown

## **Special Notes**

**Father Perkins** will begin his two week vacation this week. He will return to the office on September 6, 2022. Please call the church office, or Walter Hobgood if you have a pastoral issue.

**Celebrate Molly Stevenson** – Please join us immediately following the worship service 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 for a reception in honor of Molly in the Parish Hall.

**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.

**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.

**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.)

**Choir resumes practice** Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00. If you like to sing, please join us.

### *Special Notes- cont.*

**Save the dates:** 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. 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:** We Love Christ Church Stewardship Dinner
- \* **Oct. 9:** Parish Brunch after 10:00 service
- Oct. 9:** Blessings of the Animals – 2:00 p.m.
- 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-Marvin & Lyn Dickey’s farm at Buckhead in Quitman
- 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
- \* **Denotes Date change**

### **Serving Today**

**LEM:** Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard  
**Lectors:** Tammy Borders, Marcie Dennard, Krystle Black  
**Acolytes:** Nancy Lutsko, Chip Whiting, Phyllis Holland  
**Altar Guild:** Team 3 – Frances Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake  
**Ushers:** Al Turner, Tom Carroll, John McRae  
**Coffee Hour:** Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard  
**Live-stream Crew:** Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker