

# Christ Episcopal Church



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



August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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August 28, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

Prelude - *Little Prelude and Fugue in G Major*

J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymnal 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty 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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 2:4-13**

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see

if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

**Psalm 81:1, 10-16** (Unison) BCP 704  
*Exultate Deo*

- 1 **Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**
- 10 **I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**
- 11 **And yet my people did not hear my voice,  
and Israel would not obey me.**
- 12 **So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,  
to follow their own devices.**
- 13 **Oh, that my people would listen to me!  
that Israel would walk in my ways!**
- 14 **I should soon subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes.**
- 15 **Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,  
and their punishment would last for ever.**
- 16 **But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat  
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.**

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of

money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Gospel Hymn – *Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth* Hymnal 598

1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they  
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -  
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -  
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -  
 bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then  
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom  
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war  
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,  
 by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs  
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone  
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith  
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -  
 may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that  
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'  
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom  
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -  
 stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.  
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!  
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.  
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

*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 14:1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon – The Rev. Walter Hobgood

**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.*

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;  
*Alan, 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.*

**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 Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

Offertory – *Sing Out a Song* Choir  
Nancy Price and Don Besig

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 – *My God, They Table Now is Spread* Hymnal 321

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - less  
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

### 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 Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

Hymnal 344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Dismissal

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

Postlude – *Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing (Sicilian Mariners)*

Michael Burkhardt

Special Notes

**Father Perkins** is on vacation this week. He will return to the office on September 8, 2022. Please call the church office, Nancy Lutsko or Walter Hobgood if you have a pastoral issue.

**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:

**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:** Stefani Carroll, Allan Dear, Sheri Gravett

**Lectors:** Stefani Carroll, Allan Dear, Sheri Gravett

**Acolytes:** Joel Williams, Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko

**Altar Guild:** Team 4 – Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, BJ Mistick

**Ushers:** David Blevins, Jason Reynolds, Martin Holland, Sparky Greneker

**Coffee Hour:** Julie Reynolds, Gwen Daughtrey, Marcie Dennard, Leigh Long

**Live-stream Crew:** Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

*The Altar Flowers are given by Paul and Molly Stevenson to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of Clark Dewitt Greneker to Sparky and Shelley Greneker and big sister Cates.*