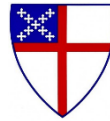


Christ Episcopal Church



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1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA



August 7, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Welcome to Christ Church!

Rite II

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Prelude - *Blessed Assurance*

Dan Miller

Opening Hymn – *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

Hymnal 68

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 7, 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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Deus deorum

- 1 **The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its
setting.**
- 2 **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals himself in glory.**
- 3 **Our God will come and will not keep silence;
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.**
- 4 **He calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of his people.**
- 5 **"Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."**
- 6 **Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
for God himself is judge.**
- 7 **Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.**
- 8 **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your offerings are always before me.**
- 23 **Consider this well, you who forget God,
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.**
- 24 **Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me;
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation
of God."**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations,

whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – *How Wondrous and Great Thy Works*

Hymnal 533

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 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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, 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:

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, Irene Dodd, Marge Fitzsimons,
Peter Ingeman, Laura Paine, Richard Rigby, 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.**

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 – *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Thomas Chisholm and William Runyon

Choir

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

The Holy Eucharist

Prayer II (Enriching Our Worship)

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Presider

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters and every living thing.

People: You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

Presider: And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Presider and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

People: Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

People: On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

Presider: "Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

People: As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

Presider: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider: Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

All: In the fullness of time bring us, with _____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

*Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. AMEN.*

Presider: And, now as our Savior Christ 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.**

Presider: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People: Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Communion Hymn – Lo! What a Cloud of Witnesses

Hymnal 545

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.**

After Communion, the Presider says
Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn – *How Firm a Foundation*

Hymnal 636

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – Postlude on Two Spirituals (Go Down Moses and I Want to be Ready)

Charles Callahan

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.

Ichetucknee Springs Fellowship Day – Christ Church is going to Ichetucknee Springs on Saturday, August 13, 2022. We will leave the church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. to travel to Fort Worth, Florida. We will caravan to Ichetucknee Springs State Park for a fun day of canoeing, tubing, swimming, snorkeling, or paddle boarding. Please plan to join us in this fun outing.

Preschool Open House will be held Tuesday, August 9, 2022 from 6-8 p.m. We will have food, fun and fellowship. This is a great way to get to know our Preschool families.

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 21st for a reception in honor of Molly in the Parish Hall immediately following the 10:00 worship service.

Please mark your calendars – We will have lunch with a Rally Day/Ministry Fair on September 11th immediately following the 10:00 service. **We will only have a 10:00 service on September 11th.** 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.

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.

Serving Today

LEM: Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko, Mike Tanner

Lectors: Mike Holland, Nancy Lutsko, Phyllis Holland

Acolytes: J.D. Greneker, Molly Stevenson, Nancy Lutsko

Ushers: Alex Alvarez, Eric Nielsen, Delrick Bradley, Carter Coleman

Coffee Hour: Amber Tanner, Pepi Nelson, Elizabeth Wisenbaker

Live-stream Crew: Julius Ariail, Tom Carroll