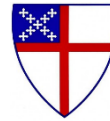


Christ Episcopal Church



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



September 11, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

Mobile text number simply text your gift amount to **844-928-4938**



September 11, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Prelude - *Sheep May Safely Graze*

J.S. Bach, arr. by Jack Schrader

Opening Hymn – *Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven*

Hymnal 410

Unison or harmony

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 14 (Unison)

Dixit insipiens

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.**
- 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.**
- 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad;
there is none who does good; no, not one.**
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?**
- 5 See how they tremble with fear,
because God is in the company of the righteous.**
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
but the Lord is their refuge.**
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

BCP 598

Gospel Hymn – *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Hymnal 470

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more gra-ces for the good;
There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer-cy with the Sa-rior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor-rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

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 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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, Marécia, 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;
*Allan, Kathy Armstrong, Max Bontrager, Jimmy Carroll, Caty Carter,
Wayne Cook, Janet Dickman, Marge Fitzsimons, Peter Ingeman, Laura
Paine, Della Richards, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Burt Tillman*

(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.**

The Ministries of Christ Church: Jeani Synyard

Offertory – *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Choir

Carl F. Mueller

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 Love How deep, How Broad, How High* Hymnal 448

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us tempt - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tourum milinum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

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.

News of Christ Church

Blessing

Hymn – *Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise*

Hymnal 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) alt

Dismissal

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

Postlude – *The Heavens Declare*

Benedetto Marcello

Special Notes

Ministry Fair and Kick-off – We will have lunch with a Kick Off Day-Ministry Fair today immediately following the 10:00 service. 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.

Here are some Ministries that will have sign-up sheets and a representative in the Parish Hall to answer questions: Acolytes, Altar Guild, Choir, Coffee Hour, Daughters of the King, Dave Clark Build for the Cure, Foyer Groups, Hospitality, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Lectors, Live-stream Team, Lunch Bunch, Men in Blue, Stitchers of Love, Thursday Night Dinners, Ushers, Vespers, and Vet Team Six.

Children's Church will resume on September 11th. Children age 3 – 5th 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.)

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. **Last day to sign up is today at Ministries Fair.** 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.

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church is marking its 40th anniversary at their Holy Eucharist on **Sunday, September 18th**. Please hold them in prayer on that day. And if you're free to join them about noon, they'll be having a festive lunch after the service.

The Tuesday Night Bible study led by Willa Valencia, will resume on September 20, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the home of Ron and Tammy Borders (1718 Williams St.). All adults are welcome. Please bring your Bible—any translation.

Please mark your calendars – We Love Christ Church Stewardship Dinner will be held on **Sunday, October 2, 2022** at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts (located at: 527 N. Patterson Street, Valdosta) from 6-8:30 p.m. **Please RSVP to the church office by September 26th** if you are planning to attend. Free childcare and dinner will be provided at Christ Church in the Gabard Building for children of all ages from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Special Notes – Cont.

Annual Blessing of the Animals – will be held on Sunday, October 9th beginning at 2:00 p.m. St Francis' Feast Day will be Tuesday, October 4th. We celebrate his unique relationship to nature and to animals by having a blessing of animals around that time each year. This year, we will celebrate St. Francis by blessing animals on **Sunday, October 9th**. We will regather **at 2 pm**, which will give you the opportunity to go home and gather your pets. If you bring a cat or a reptile, we would suggest caging them. Dogs and cats tend to create friction when closely aligned.

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 24:** Ground Breaking – Dave Clark “Build for the Cure”
- Sept 24:** Lunch Bunch – 10:30 – Parish Hall
- Sept 29:** Thursday Dinner – Grace Café
- Oct. 2:** We Love Christ Church Stewardship Dinner
- Oct. 8:** Lunch Bunch – 10:30 – Parish Hall
- * **Oct. 9:** Parish Brunch after 10:00 service
- Oct. 9:** Blessings of the Animals – 2:00 front lawn
- Oct. 13:** Thursday Dinner – Grace Café
- Oct. 20:** Oktoberfest
- Oct. 22:** Lunch Bunch – 10:30 – Parish Hall
- Oct. 22 – Nov. 5:** Dave Clark “Build for the Cure”
- Oct. 30:** Trunk or Treat – Front Parking Lot after 10:00 service
- Nov. 12:** Lunch Bunch – 10:30 – Parish Hall
- 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: Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Julia Ariail
Lectors: Gnann Moser, Rita Watters, David Sandbach
Acolytes: J.D. Greneker, Molly Stevenson, Nancy Lutsko
Altar Guild: Team 2 – Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allan, Pat Bezona
Ushers: Hudson Tanner, Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby
Coffee Hour: Krystle Black, Sue Ellen Rumstay, Stefani Carroll
Live-stream Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay

The above hymns refer to hymns and other service music published in The Hymnal 1982 according to the use of The Episcopal Church (Church Publishing, Incorporated: Copyright 1985). CCLI: #20674376 and the recordings of these hymns are posted online with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-735795.