

Christ Episcopal Church



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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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September 25, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Prelude - *The Four Seasons, Autumn, 1. Allegro*

Antonio Vivaldi

Opening Hymn - *Tell Out My Soul*

Hymnal 437

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and — for ev - er - more!

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and

conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (Unison)

BCP 719

Qui habitat

- 1 **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
 abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- 2 **He shall say to the LORD,
 "You are my refuge and my stronghold,
 my God in whom I put my trust."**
- 3 **He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter
 and from the deadly pestilence.**
- 4 **He shall cover you with his pinions,
 and you shall find refuge under his wings;
 his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**
- 5 **You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
 nor of the arrow that flies by day;**
- 6 **Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,
 nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**
- 14 **Because he is bound to me in love,
 therefore will I deliver him;
 I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**
- 15 **He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
 I am with him in trouble;
 I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**
- 16 **With long life will I satisfy him,
 and show him my salvation.**

Gospel Hymn – *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought* Hymnal 705

Unison or harmony

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and
 *2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and
 3 With grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to
 field to God, the giv-er of all good, the
 give; to make our life an of-fer-ing to
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with
 source of bount-eous yield; so we to-day our
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is
 all hu-man-i-ty. O thou who gav-est
 first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
 call-ing us to make the dream come true: a
 us thy-self in Je-sus Christ thy Son, help
 farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
 world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
 us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

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 16:19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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:

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, Janet Dickman, Marge Fitzsimons, Peter Ingeman, Olivia Nunn,
Laura Paine, 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:

Offertory – *On Eagle’s Wings*

Michael Joncas

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 Holy City, Seen of John*

Hymnal 583



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain,
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"
and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.
yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

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 – *Ye Holy Angels Bright*

Hymnal 625

Dismissal

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

Postlude – *The Four Seasons, Autumn, 3. Allegro*

Antonio Vivaldi

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Special Notes

Children's Church will meet on September 25th. 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.)

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.

New Staff - We are happy to welcome Chris Rutland and Joel Williams to our staff. Chris and Joel will be our Co-Youth Ministry Directors. Please extend a word of thank you to both Chris and Joel for taking on the ministry of leading our Youth.

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.

The Tuesday Night Bible study led by Willa Valencia, will be held on September 27, 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.

Lunch Bunch - Lunch Bunch will meet in the Parish Hall beginning at **10:30 a.m. on October 8, 2022.**

Dave Clark – Build for the Cure: - Habitat House 2022 – The Dave Clark Build for the Cure House construction will begin on Saturday, October 15th in the parking lot of Habitat for Humanity located at 2010 Cypress Street, Valdosta where the building of the walls will take place. The build on-site will now begin on Tuesday, October 18th where the walls built on Saturday will be erected. The build will continue daily Monday – Saturday until the house is complete. Hopefully by November 5th our Goal Date. Volunteers are welcome any day, time and duration.

Special Notes – (cont.)

Oktoberfest this year is Thursday, October 20th, with the biergarten opening at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served around 6:30. On the menu: Usinger's bratwurst from Milwaukee, potato salad and tossed salad, sauerkraut and other pickled things, rye bread, and beer and wine. Cost will be \$15 per person. **Please note that this is an adult gathering for those 21 and older (please have proof of age with you).** Since Jane needs to know how many bratwurst to order, please **sign up before October 6th**. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall, or you can call the church office to leave your name. If you'd like to contribute by bringing potato salad (German or "regular") or sauerkraut, there'll also be a sign-up sheet for that in the parish hall. *Danke schön!*

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 29:** Thursday Dinner – Grace Café
- Oct. 2:** We Love Christ Church Stewardship Dinner
- Oct. 4:** Tuesday Night Bible Study – 7:30 pm – Borders' Home
- 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. 15:** Building Walls at Habitat Parking Lot on Cypress
- * **Oct. 18 – Nov. 5:** Dave Clark "Build for the Cure" on site
- Oct. 20:** Oktoberfest
- Oct. 21:** HEP Lunch – 12:00 – John & Marcia McRae's
- Oct. 22:** Lunch Bunch – 10:30 – Parish Hall
- 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. 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: Martin Holland, Allan Dear, Sheri Gravett
Lectors: Marcie Dennard, Martin Holland, Bonnie Hanson
Acolytes: Nancy Lutsko, Chip Whiting, Phyllis Holland
Altar Guild: Team 4 – Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, BJ Mistick
Ushers: David Blevins, Jason Reynolds, Martin Holland, Sparky Greneker
Coffee Hour: Amber Tanner, Pepi Nelson, Elizabeth Wisenbaker
Live-stream Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker