

Christ Episcopal Church



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1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA



October 23, 2022 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
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October 23, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Prelude - Three Variations on St. Anne

Ann Slowins

Opening Hymn – *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Hymnal 680

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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 - 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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65 (Unison)

Te decet hymnus

- 1 **You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.**
- 2 **To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions.**
- 3 **Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out.**
- 4 **Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**
- 5 **Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.**
- 6 **You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might.**
- 7 **You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.**
- 8 **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your
marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
- 9 **You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.**
- 10 **You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.**
- 11 **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its
increase.**
- 12 **You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.**
- 13 **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**
- 14 **May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.**

BCP 672

Gospel Hymn – *Blest are the Pure in heart*

Hymnal 656

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written between the staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The lyrics are: 1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode. dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King; for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart. us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.: sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.

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 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. David Perkins

**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 and Marcía our
assisting priests, Nancy our deacon; Peter, our retired priest, 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, Allan
Dear, Janet Dickman, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Laurie McCall
and the McCall Family, Laura Paine, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Paul
Stevenson, 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 – Mike Holland

Offertory – Ain’a That Good News, trad. Spiritual
Issa Young

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

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 All Ye Works of God, Now Come Hymnal 428

1 O all ye works of God, now come to thank him
2 O sun and moon and stars of heaven, your end - less
3 O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and
4 O earth and sea, O all that live in wa - ter
5 O let his peo - ple bless the Lord like right - eous

1 and a - dore; O an - gels, sing and
2 praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
3 thun - der's roar, O fields and for - ests,
4 or on shore, O men and wo - men,
5 souls of yore; let those of ho - ly,

1 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
2 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
3 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
4 bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
5 hum - ble heart come praise him ev - er - more.

6 So let us glorify and bless
the God we bow before,
the Father, Holy Spirit, Son,
and praise him evermore.

Hymnal S169

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 – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Hymnal 686

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Dismissal

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

Postlude – Variations on an American Hymn Tune, Variation #7

Gordon Young

Special Notes

Father Perkins will be on vacation Monday October 24th – Monday, October 31st. If you need pastoral care, please contact Senior Warden, Nancy Lutsko, Father Walter Hobgood, or the church office.

Children's Church will meet on October 23rd. 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.)

EYC is in for a treat - Joel Williams and Chris Rutland had a nice kick-off event with EYC families on October 16th. It was decided the first official EYC event of 2022-2023 school year will be to go out for Ice Cream and conversation. EYC will meet at the Azalea City Creamery (3215 N. Oak Street Ext.) at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you all there!

Trunk or Treat - We would love to have LOTS of Trunks this year. Trunk or Treat will be Sunday October 30th. We will set up in front parking lot immediately following 10:00 service. **Please park in the back parking lot if you do not plan to do a trunk, so we will have spaces available for Trunk or Treat vehicles.** Please text Keri Wilkin 229-412-5630 to sign up for a trunk.

The Tuesday Night Bible study led by Willa Valencia, will be held on October 25th, 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.

Grace Café Food Pantry – Food Pantry at Grace Café is in need of restocking. They have plenty of Rami noodles and Oatmeal, but could use Chef Boyardee individual Meals, Tuna and Chicken in Cans or packets, Easy Mac & Cheese, Quick Rice, Canned Beans or Soup, Individual Packets of Nuts, Granola Bars, Peanut Butter, Applesauce & Fruit Cups, Pasta, Fruits. Items can be dropped off at the church office, or at Grace Café.

Live-streaming update - As a part of the upgrade of our audio and video equipment, the rear pew on the College Street side has been moved to a temporary location in the annex. Construction has begun on the new media booth where our livestreaming ministry will eventually be located. Please be cautious as you navigate this area.

Special Notes – (cont.)

Dave Clark – Build for the Cure: - Habitat House 2022 – The Dave Clark Build for the Cure House construction began on-site on Tuesday, October 18th where the walls built on Saturday were 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.

Garden Guild will meet Monday, October 24th and Wednesday, October 26th beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will meet under the Dave Clark Cook Shelter on Mondays and Wednesdays. Bring your gloves and tools. All are welcome.

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:

- Oct. 23:** EYC will meet at Azalea City Creamery – 6:00 p.m.
 - Oct. 24 – Nov. 5:** Dave Clark “Build for the Cure” on site
 - Oct. 25:** Tuesday Night Bible Study – Borders’ Home
 - Oct. 30:** Trunk or Treat – Front Parking Lot after 10:00 service
 - Nov. 1:** Pub Theology – Georgia Beer Company – 7:00 p.m.
 - Nov. 6:** Parish Picnic-Marvin & Lyn Dickey’s farm at Buckhead in Quitman
 - Nov. 12:** Lunch Bunch – Parish Hall – 11:00 a.m.
 - Nov. 17:** College Ministry Dinner – Parish Hall – 6:30 p.m.
 - Nov. 19:** 40’s & 50’s Gathering for Jambalaya at Yarbrough’s Home
 - 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, Julia Ariail, Jeani Synyard

Lectors: Tammy Borders, Marcie Dennard, Krystle Black

Acolytes: Maddie Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Nancy Lutsko

Altar Guild: Team 4 – Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick

Ushers: David Blevins, Jason Reynolds, Martin Holland

Coffee Hour: Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark, Eric Nielsen, Ann Burnette

Live-stream Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker