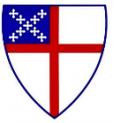


*Christ Episcopal Church  
1521 N. Patterson St.  
Valdosta, GA*



April 19, 2020

8:00 AM

Easter II

Rite I

Welcome to Christ Church!

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*For this Service we will use the Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Blue Hymnal*

THE WORD

Opening Salutation: BCP 323  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
Response: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Collect for Purity BCP 323

Gloria BCP 324

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the multitude, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Psalm 16

*Conserva me, Domine*

- 1 **Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."**
- 2 **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 **But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.**
- 4 **Their libations of blood I will not offer,  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- 5 **O LORD, YOU are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.**
- 6 **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 **I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me, night after night.**
- 8 **I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- 9 **My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.**
- 10 **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 **You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Lesson 2

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said

this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Dave Johnson

The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
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#### THE EUCHARIST

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#### Spiritual Communion

When we are unable to receive the Bread and Wine of the Holy Sacrament because of extreme sickness, physical disability, or, as in our present cause, the cancelation of public service to prevent the spread of infection, we can be assured that all the benefits of Communion are received. The follow prayer from the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, or some other prayer, may be said.

**In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 339
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Dismissal  
Response: *Thanks be to God.*



The Rt. Rev. Scott A. Benhase, Bishop of Georgia  
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### **OUR VISION**

To receive God's grace in Jesus Christ, and share this grace with one another and the world.

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