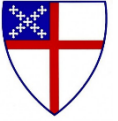




*Christ Episcopal Church*  
 1521 N. Patterson St.  
 Valdosta, GA



May 10, 2020

10:00 AM

Easter V

Rite II

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

Prelude – *Prelude on The Call*

Michael Burkhardt

Opening Hymn – *On This Day, the First of Days*

Hymnal 47

Opening Salutation:

BCP 355

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Response: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymnal S280

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

*In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 **In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.**
- 2 **Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**
- 3 **Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**
- 4 **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**
- 5 **Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.**
- 15 **My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 **Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

## Lesson 2

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## The Gospel

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

## The Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Dave Johnson

The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
The Prayers of the People, Form IV	BCP 388
Confession of Sin	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Doxology	Hymnal 380 vs. 3

## THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus (spoken)	BCP 362
The Lord’s Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem (spoken)	BCP 364

### 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.**

Communion Hymns – <i>My God, Thy Table Now is Spread</i>	Hymnal 321
<i>Praise the Lord Through Every Nation</i>	Hymnal 484
Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
Hymn – <i>Holy God We Praise Thy Name</i>	Hymnal 366
Dismissal	
Response: <i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!</i>	
Postlude – <i>Prelude and Fugue in G Major</i>	J.S. Bach



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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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