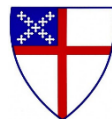


# Christ Episcopal Church



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



January 29, 2023

Epiphany IV

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

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Prelude - *Tis a Gift to be Simple*

James Pethel

Opening Hymn – *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*



1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,  
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou  
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,  
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;  
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.  
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.  
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.  
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.  
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.  
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January 29, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

Opening Salutation:

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

Hymnal S280

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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

### Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body

for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 15 (Unison)

BCP 599

*Domine, quis habitabit?*

- 1 **LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
who may abide upon your holy hill?**
- 2 **Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,  
who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- 3 **There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend;  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**
- 4 **In his sight the wicked is rejected,  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**
- 5 **He has sworn to do no wrong  
and does not take back his word.**
- 6 **He does not give his money in hope of gain,  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 **Whoever does these things  
shall never be overthrown.**

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

Sequence Hymn – *Blest are the Pure in Heart*      Hymnal 656

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 Matthew.

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

**Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*People*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon – The Rev. Walter Hobgood

## 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 VI)

**Lay Reader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For Christ Church as we receive your grace in Jesus Christ and share that grace with one another and the world, and for all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For Joe our President, Brian our governor, for those serving in the Armed Forces, for this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Frank our Bishop; for Scott our retired bishop; for Walter our supply priest, for Hal our incoming rector for Marcia our assisting priest, for Peter our retired priest, for Nancy our Deacon, for Stella and Patricia our retired deacons and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For the sick and troubled:

*Kathy Armstrong, Max Bontrager, Caty Carter, Anna Gardner, Allan Dear, Janet Dickman, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Laurie McCall, Laura Paine, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Benita Sandbach, Burt Tillman, Joe Tillman, Jerry Tyson, Willa Valencia*

Hear us, Lord:

*For your mercy is great.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(Silence)*

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Karen Gunter

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Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

### **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 Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Announcements** – Please be seated

Offertory - *If Ye Love Me*

By Thomas Tallis

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 S154

*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 – Remember Your Servants, Lord Hymnal 560

*Antiphon*

Re - mem - ber your ser - vants, Lord, when you come in your kingly pow - er.

1. Bless - ed are the poor in spi - rit; for theirs is the kingdom of hea - ven.

2. Bless - ed are those who mourn; for they shall be com - fort - ed.

3. Bless - ed are the meek; for they shall in - her - it the earth.

4. Bless - ed are those who hunger and thirst af - ter right - eous - ness;

for they shall be sat - is - fied. 5. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful;

for they shall ob - tain mer - cy. 6. Bless - ed are the pure in heart;

for they shall see God. 7. Bless - ed are the peace - ma - kers;

for they shall be called the chil - dren of God.

8. Bless - ed are those who are perse - cut - ed for right - eous - ness' sake;

for theirs is the kingdom of hea - ven.

9. Bless - ed are you when the world re - viles you and per - se - cutes you;

and utters all manner of evil against you false - ly for my sake:

Re - joice and be ex - ceed - ing glad; for great is your reward in hea - ven.

*Antiphon*

Re - mem - ber your ser - vants, Lord, when you come in your kingly pow - er.

*The second bass part is optional.*

### 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.**

### Blessing

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!

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – *Voluntary on Engleberg*

Charles Callahan

Special Notes

**Father Walter Hobgood** - The Rev. Walter Hobgood has graciously agreed to be our supply priest during the month-long transition between Interim and new Rector. Father Walter will be available for emergency, or pastoral needs during the supply time. Please reach out to Father Walter if you need anything. Father Walter can be reached at 229-630-6444. Please help the Vestry by extending our appreciation to Father Walter for his assistance to Christ Church.

**Children’s Church** will meet on January 29<sup>th</sup> Children age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.)

**The Tuesday Night Bible study** led by Willa Valencia, will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**HEP Lunch Group** --- HEP Lunch Group will gather Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please bring mini sandwiches to share or a dessert. The hosts will have soup and tea. John and Marcia McRae’s home: 2701 Green Meadow Dr. 229-220-5619. A wonderful chance to outreach, low key evangelism, and stimulating conversations.

**Fat Tuesday Gathering** – We will be having a Fat Tuesday Gathering on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will be having Gumbo, jambalaya, cornbread, black beans and rice and dessert. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:30. RSVP is necessary so we have enough food for all in attendance. Please notify the church office prior to February 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your assistance.

**Garden Guild** will meet Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting). We will meet under the Dave Clark Cook Shelter on Mondays and Wednesday. Bring your gloves and tools. All are welcome. We will work around the rectory.

Upcoming Dates:

- Church Workday - February 4
- Fat Tuesday Gathering - February 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday Services – February 22
- Grace Cafe Dinner - February 23
- Reception for Father Hal & Michelle Weidman – February 26



**Serving Today**

**LEM:** Stefani Carroll, Martin Holland, Sheri Gravett

**Lectors:** Stefani Carroll, Bonnie Hanson, Martin Holland

**Acolytes:** Nancy Lutsko, Rich Johnson, Gowan Johnson

**Altar Guild:** Team 5 – Nancy Lutsko, Judy DeMott, Peter & Happy  
Ingeman, Frances Guice

**Ushers:** David Blevins, Jason Reynolds, Martin Holland, Sparky Greneker

**Coffee Hour:** Bonnie Hanson, Phyllis Holland, Elise Sandbach

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