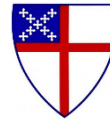


Christ Episcopal Church



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



February 19, 2023 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Welcome to Christ Church!

Rite II



February 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Prelude - *Partita on Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* Johan Pachelbel

Opening Hymn – *O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair* Hymnal 137

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

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.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a

stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33-40

(Unison)

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Legem pone

33 **Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.**

34 **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

35 **Make me go in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.**

36 **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

37 **Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.**

38 **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear you.**

39 **Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgments are good.**

40 **Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my life.**

1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person.

For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future-- all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

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

Sequence Hymn – *Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor* Hymnal 307

1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 *2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
 *3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
 2 Thou art here, we ask not
 3 We in wor - ship join with
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

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 5:38-48

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your

Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

The Sermon – The Rev. Canon Loren Lasch

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 priest, 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, Allan Dear, Janet Dickman, Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Terry Fontham, Melanie Ford, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Laurie McCall, Laura Paine, Della Richards, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Benita Sandbach, Burt Tillman, Jerry Tyson, Willa Valencia, Leslie, Andrew

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)

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 - *This is My Beloved Son*

Choir

by Pepper Choplin

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.

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.**

Communion Hymn – Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord Hymnal 328

1 Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,
 2 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,
 3 Sal - va - tion's giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,
 4 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,
 5 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

1 and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.
 2 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.
 3 by his dear cross and blood the vic - tory won.
 4 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.
 5 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

- 6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
to all believers life eternal yields;
- 7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
all nations at the doom, is with us now.

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 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hymnal 460

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Dismissal
 Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – *Partita on Hyfrydol, Finale*

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.

We are honored to have the Rev. Canon Loren Lasch; Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Georgia with us at Christ Church today. Please extend a warm greeting and hand of fellowship to Canon Lasch, and thank her for suppling our sermon today.

Church Office Closed – The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of Presidents Day. We will be back in the office on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Father Hal Weidman will begin at Christ Church on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. We are excited to welcome Father Weidman as our new rector and his wife Michelle to Christ Church. We will have a reception for Father Hal and Michelle after the 10:00 worship service on **February 26th**. Please join us in welcoming them to Christ Church.

Ash Wednesday Services will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at noon (spoken) and 6:00 p.m. (with music).

Children’s Church will meet on February 19th. 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.)

The Tuesday Night Bible study led by Willa Valencia, will take a break due to Fat Tuesday Gathering. Bible Study will resume on –February 28th, 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.

The Hospitality Committee could use help after coffee hour today. We need several strong bodies to help us with setting up the tables and chairs for the Fat Tuesday Celebration dinner. More hands make quick work. Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

Lunch Bunch will be held on Saturday, February 25th beginning at 11:00 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come help fix sandwiches.

Special Notes – Cont.

1Book1Diocese for Lent - *Beginning to Pray* by Anthony Bloom. For several years, a book has been chosen to study as a Diocesan Community during Lent. Several members of Christ Church have participated on their own previously, but this year we will have a specified time to gather and discuss this year's selection, *Beginning to Pray* by Anthony Bloom. Time and place are still being fleshed out, but in the meantime, some copies of the book will be available in the church office, or you can order your own on Amazon. (\$11.95 – paperback) – Contact Molly Stevenson with any questions (229) 292-8215 or mollybs64@outlook.com

Stitchers of Love will meet this evening. Stitchers is held in the Parish Hall from 4:00 – 6 p.m. All are welcome to come. If you have ever wanted to learn to knit or crochet, please plan to join us, we have many teachers.

Vespers meets in person tonight in the sanctuary beginning at 6:00 p.m. to read the Compline Service, pages 127-135 in the Book of Common Prayer and for friendly conversation afterwards. Bring a brown bag supper and join us in the parish hall after Vespers.

Upcoming Dates:

Fat Tuesday Celebration – February 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Services at Noon and 6:00 p.m. – February 22
Grace Cafe Dinner - February 23
Lunch Bunch – February 25 – 11:00 a.m. – Parish Hall
Reception for Father Hal & Michelle – February 26

Serving Today

LEM: Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Julia Ariail
Lectors: David Sandbach, Ruth Holland, Julia Ariail
Acolytes: Chip Whiting, Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko
Altar Guild: Team 3 – Frances Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake, Kathleen Parsons
Ushers: Al Turner, Tom Carroll, John McRae
Coffee Hour: Sallie Honeycutt, Pat Denmark, Eric Nielsen, Mimi Allen
Media Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker



The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Walter Hobgood, Supply Priest
Kim Dudley, Church Administrator
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper
Keri Wilkin, Director of Children's Ministry
Chris Rutland & Joel Williams, Co-Directors of EYC
Charles Whiting, Director of College Ministry
Issa Young, Director of Music
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist

OUR VISION

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

VESTRY

2023	2024	2025
Brad Burnette	Jeani Synyard	Phyllis Holland
Sandra Fletcher	Patricia Tyson	Steve Honeycutt
Dottie Pitts	Joel Williams	Molly Stevenson
Al Turner	Larry Wisenbaker	Mike Tanner

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