# Christ Episcopal Church





March 12, 2023 10:00 a.m.



Christ Episcopal Church 1521 N. Patterson St. Valdosta, GA 31602

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Lent III Welcome to Christ Church!

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Prelude - A Little Chaconne on a Lenten HymnJames EngelI Call to Thee, Lord Jesus ChristJ.S. Bach

Opening Hymn – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Hymnal 686

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Opening Salutation: The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p 319
Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
Response: His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue: Traditional	BCP 317
The Confession of Sin	BCP 320
Absolution	BCP 321





*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. People: **And with thy spirit.** *Celebrant:* Let us pray. The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

# The Lessons

# Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"



- Venite, exultemus
  1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
  2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- **3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,

at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

- 9 They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

11 So I swore in my wrath,

"They shall not enter into my rest."

# **Romans 5:1-11**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

People

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



Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

## John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

PeopleThe Gospel of the Lord.Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon – The Rev. Hal Weidman

# 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.

# The Prayers of the People

**Reader**: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy Holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, our Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Frank, our Bishop; Scott, our retired bishop, for Hal, our priest, Walter and Marćia, our assisting priests, Peter, our retired priest, Nancy, our deacon; Stella and Patricia, our retired deacons; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of Government in this and every land, especially Joe our president, the Congress and the Courts; Brian our Governor; Scott our mayor; and for those serving in the Armed Forces that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy Holy Name for all thy servants departed this life, in thy faith and fear; especially

<u>Jake Daughtrey, Barbara Jane Rigby and Sam Waddell</u> beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator & Advocate. **AMEN.** 

# The Comfortable Words

BCP 332

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

# **The Peace**

	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

Announcements – Please be seated

Offertory

Choir



# The Great Thanksgiving

## **Eucharistic Prayer I**

	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.
_	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

#### Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### The people kneel or stand.

#### Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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.* 

Then the following may be said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.** 

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.** O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**have mercy upon us.** O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

grant us thy peace.

## Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*  *The Celebrant may say the following Invitation* **The Gifts of God for the People of God.** *And may add* 

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.* 



\*The bracketed notes are to be treated as triplet groups.



*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

#### The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

# Blessing



#### Special Notes

Dismissal Response: *Thanks be to God.* 

Postlude – Variations on an American Hymn Tune, No. V Gordon Young **Father Hal Weidman** We are excited to welcome Father Weidman as our new rector and his wife Michelle to Christ Church. Please join us in welcoming them to Christ Church.

<u>Name Tags</u> are available in each pew - please wear each Sunday for several weeks, so Father Hal and Michelle can put names with faces. We only have to learn two names they have over a hundred. Thank you for your assistance.

<u>**Children's Church**</u> meets today. Children age  $3-5^{\text{th}}$  grade are welcome to meet Keri Wilkin in the Children's Classroom in the Gabard building. (This is the first classroom on the left in the preschool hallway.)

<u>Wednesday Night Holy Eucharist, Dinner / Teaching Series</u> Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Lenten Dinner and program starting at 6:30 p.m. This Wednesday, Fr. Hal will speak on James Theodore Holly. Choir will meet on Thursdays at 6:00 during Lent.

<u>The Tuesday Night Bible study</u> led by Willa Valencia, will meet on –March 14<sup>th</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.

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

<u>**1Book1Diocese for Lent**</u> – Following the 10:00 service, Molly Stevenson will lead the book discussion of the 1Book1Diocese book "Beginning to Pray" by Anthony Bloom. We will be discussing section 2 - Knocking at the Door.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Tuesday Night Bible Study – March 14 – Ron & Tammy Borders' home – 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Holy Eucharist – March 15 – Sanctuary – 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Program – March 15 – Parish Hall – 6:30 p.m.
1Book1Diocese for Lent book study – March 19 – Parish Hall – 11:15 a.m.
Tuesday Night Bible Study – March 21 – Ron & Tammy Borders' home – 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Holy Eucharist – March 22 – Sanctuary – 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Program – March 22 – Parish Hall – 6:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch – March 25 – Parish Hall – 11:00

## Serving Today

EM: Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko, Mike Tanner Lectors: Sallie Honeycutt, Nancy Lutsko, Pat Denmark Acolytes: J.D. Greneker, Molly Stevenson, Nancy Lutsko Altar Guild: Team 2 – Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona Ushers: Martin Holland, Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby Greeter: Dottie Pitts Coffee Hour: Amber Tanner, Pepi Nelson, Liz Wisenbaker, John McRae Media Crew: Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker



#### **OUR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL**

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia <u>All Christ Church Families & Friends Ministers</u> The Rev. Hal Weidman, Rector 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.

2023 Brad Burnette Sandra Fletcher Dottie Pitts Al Turner VESTRY 2024 Jeani Synyard Patricia Tyson

Joel Williams

Larry Wisenbaker

2025 Phyllis Holland Steve Honeycutt Molly Stevenson Mike Tanner

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Al Turner (Senior Warden) Steve Honeycutt (Junior Warden) Sandra Fletcher (Secretary) Stefani Carroll (Treasurer)

#### The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

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#### **Committee Chairs**

Altar Guild – Frances Guice Acolyte, EM & Lector – Nancy Lutsko Adult Formation & DOK – Molly Stevenson Choir – Sue Ellen Rumstay College Ministry & Finance – Stefani Carroll Foyer Groups, Parish Life & Stewardship – Jeani Synyard Hospitality – Pat Denmark Media – Larry Wisenbaker Men in Blue – Mike Tanner New Comer – Martin Holland Preschool – Anne Shenton Stitchers of Love – Rev. Dcn. Patricia Marks, Julia Ariail Ushers – John McRae Vespers – Phyllis Hiers

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