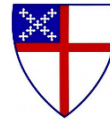


# Christ Episcopal Church



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



March 26, 2023

Lent V  
Welcome to Christ Church!

Holy Eucharist, Rite I



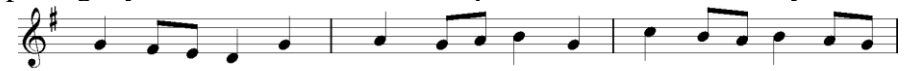
March 26, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

Prelude - *I will Arise and Go to Jesus*

Mark Hayes

Opening Hymn – *Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus*

Hymnal 495



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
\*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood; o - pened is the  
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Rakewell (1771-1819) and Martin Madan (1776-1790); alt. Music: *In Robilans*, melody from *Quida an Nivosa Hallante Rosenthalis an*

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

Kyrie

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.' (first system), 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.' (second system), 'Chri - ste e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.' (third system), 'Chri - ste e - lei - son.' (fourth system), and 'Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.' (fifth system). The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### Ezekiel 37:1-14

**37** The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath<sup>[a]</sup> to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath<sup>[b]</sup> in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’ <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath:<sup>[c]</sup> Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath,<sup>[d]</sup> and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*De profundis*

- 1 **Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.**  
 2 **Lord, hear my voice!**  
     **Let your ears be attentive**  
     **to the voice of my supplications!**  
 3 **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,**  
     **Lord, who could stand?**  
 4 **But there is forgiveness with you,**  
     **so that you may be revered.**  
 5 **I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,**  
     **and in his word I hope;**  
 6 **my soul waits for the Lord**  
     **more than those who watch for the morning,**  
     **more than those who watch for the morning.**  
 7 **O Israel, hope in the Lord!**  
     **For with the Lord there is steadfast love,**  
     **and with him is great power to redeem.**  
 8 **It is he who will redeem Israel**  
     **from all its iniquities.**

**Romans 8:6-11**

<sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit<sup>[a]</sup> is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit,<sup>[b]</sup> since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit<sup>[c]</sup> is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ<sup>[d]</sup> from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through<sup>[e]</sup> his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

People

Sequence Hymn – *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* Hymnal 511

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's  
 2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing  
 min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er  
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with  
 bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.  
 ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

*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 11:1-45**

**11** Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus,<sup>[a]</sup> ‘Lord, he whom you love is ill.’ <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’ <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus<sup>[b]</sup> was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judea again.’ <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, ‘Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?’ <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.’ <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.’ <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.’ <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’ <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin,<sup>[c]</sup> said to his fellow-disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’ <sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus<sup>[d]</sup> had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles<sup>[e]</sup> away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her,

‘I am the resurrection and the life.’<sup>[f]</sup> Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ <sup>27</sup>She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,<sup>[g]</sup> the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’ <sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’ <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’ <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’ <sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                    **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 Mar'cia, 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 we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *Kathy Armstrong, Max Bontrager, Ann Burnette, Caty Carter, Allan Dear, Janet Dickman, Terry Fontham, Melanie Ford, Louise Harden, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Laurie McCall, Gnann Moser, Laura Paine, Della Richards, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Benita Sandbach, Paul Stevenson, Burt Tillman, Leslie, Andrew, the Daughtrey family, the Hill family, the Tudor family* 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 *Jake Daughtrey, Melanie Tudor* 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.**

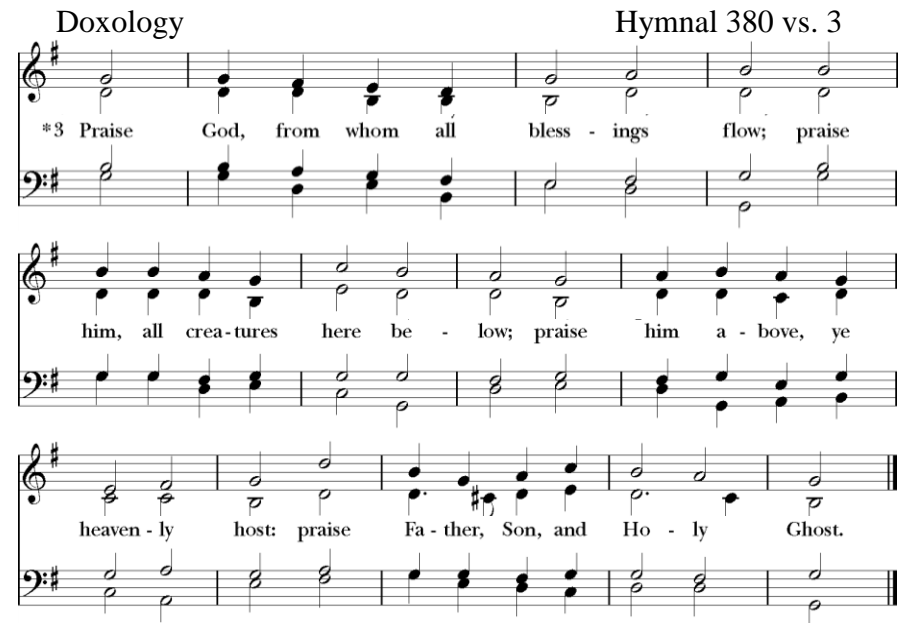
**The Peace**

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

**Announcements** – Please be seated

Offertory - Search Me O God Choir  
 by Heather Sorensen , Steve Taylor, cello

Doxology Hymnal 380 vs. 3



**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.**

Communion Hymn – *Adoro te devote*

Charles Callahan

*Humbly I Adore Thee*

Hymnal 314

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,  
who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:  
lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
I be - lieve what e'er the Son of God hath told;  
grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,  
tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.  
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.



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

## Hymn – Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove Hymnal 512

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and  
2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us  
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us  
4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,  
know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in  
from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -  
joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.  
ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.  
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.  
fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude – *Tocatta in E minor*

Johann Pachelbel

### Serving Today

**EM:** Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard

**Lectors:** Jane Kinney, Molly Stevenson, Katherine Mayer

**Acolytes:** Nancy Lutsko, Charles Whiting, Phyllis Holland

**Altar Guild:** Team 4 – Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick

**Ushers:** Al Turner, Jason Reynolds, Sparky Greneker

**Greeter:** Martin Holland

**Coffee Hour:** Julie Reynolds, Gwen Daughtrey, Marcie Dennard, Leigh Long

**Media Crew:** Tom Carroll, Ken Rumstay, Charles Whiting

### Special Notes

**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. Name Tags 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.

**Wednesday Night Holy Eucharist, Dinner / Teaching Series** 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 John Keble. The Men in Blue will be providing a fish fry for the meal. Please let the church office know if you are planning to attend.

**EYC Junior and Senior High** will meet this evening in the EYC room in the Gabard Building (classroom at the far end of Gabard) from 6-7:15p.m. Please tell your friends they are welcome. Join us for supper, devotion, and fun time.

**Stripping of Palm Fronds** will take place on April 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 10:15 in the Parish Hall. Please join Nancy Lutsko on Saturday morning to help prepare for Palm Sunday.

**PMO & Preschool registration** has begun for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact Elise Sandbach for further information.

**Nursery help needed** - Keri is in need of Sunday nursery volunteers, if you are interested in helping out in the nursery, please contact Keri at 229-412-5630. Background Checks and Safe Church, Safe Community Training will need to be done for assisting in the nursery.

**Easter Egg Hunt - Eggs needed** - We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9, 2023, immediately following the 10:00 worship service. We are in need of pre-filled Easter eggs. (No chocolate, or nuts please). Eggs can be dropped off at the church office Monday-Thursday from 9-3, or given to Keri Wilkin. Thank you for any assistance you can lend.

**Vacation Bible School June 5 – 8<sup>th</sup>** - Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! The Vacation Bible School committee is hard at work to get us ready for the kick-off of "Summer Camp for Jesus" in June. Registration information and more details will follow. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help with Vacation Bible School, please contact Keri Wilkin at 229-412-5630. We need to begin the process of background checks, and Safe Church, Safe Community training (a diocese mandate for working with children and youth).

**Media Booth added feature** - We now have a hearing assistance feature available as part of our new sound system. An information sheet is available from the ushers or media booth staff.

### Upcoming Dates:

March 26 – 10:00a – Children’s Church – Gabard Building  
11:15a - 1Book1Diocese for Lent book study  
March 28 – 7:30p - Tuesday Night Bible Study – Ron & Tammy Borders’ home  
March 29 – 6:00p – Wednesday Night Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary  
6:30p - Dinner & Program – Parish Hall  
March 30 – 6:30 – Grace Café Dinner – Parish Hall  
April 1 – 10:15a – Stripping of Palm Fronds – Parish Hall  
April 2 – 8 & 10a - Palm Sunday services - begins outside weather permitting  
11:15a - 1Book1Diocese for Lent book study  
April 5- Noon - Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary  
April 6 – 6:00p - Maundy Thursday – Sanctuary  
April 7 – Noon & 6:00p - Good Friday – Sanctuary  
April 8 – 10:00a - Holy Saturday  
11:00a - Lunch Bunch - Parish Hall  
April 9 – 8 & 10:00a - Easter Sunday – begins outside weather permitting  
11:15 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt and Reception – Front Lawn – Parish Hall



### OUR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia  
All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers

The Rev. Hal Weidman, Rector  
Kim Dudley, Church Administrator  
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper  
Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO  
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

### 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  
Newcomer – Martin Holland  
Preschool – Anne Shenton  
Stitchers of Love – Rev. Dcn. Patricia Marks, Julia Ariail  
Ushers – John McRae  
Vespers – Phyllis Hiers

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