Christ Episcopal Church





March 5, 2023 10:00 a.m.



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

March 5, 2023 Lent II Holy Eucharist, Rite I Welcome to Christ Church! Prelude - Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word J.S. Bach The Glory of these Forty Days **Robert Powell** Opening Hymn – Lift High the Cross Hymnal 473 Descant Lift high the of Christ pro claim the love cross, -Refrain high claim Lift the cross, the love of Christ pro till all the world his sa - cred Name. a dore Ð all his sa - cred Name. till the world a - dore_ tri - um - phant Led on their way by this sign, Each the Cru - ci fied new - born of ser vant 0 Lord, once lift ed the glo - rious - \mathbf{on} tree, So shall tri umph ev - er our song of be: Repeat Refrain the God in con-quering ranks com - bine. hosts of bears the brow the seal of him who died. \mathbf{on} thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee. as Cru - ci fied for vic - to - ry. the praise to

Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912); alt. Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956) Music: Crucifer, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947);

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

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

Absolution



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

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Lessons

BCP 321

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

Psalm 121 Levavi ocul	(Unison)	BCP 779
	yes to the hills;	
from when	re is my help to come?	
	es from the LORD,	
	of heaven and earth.	
3 He will not le	et your foot be moved	
	o watches over you will not fa	all asleep.
	ho keeps watch over Israel	•
	er slumber nor sleep;	
	mself watches over you;	
the LORD	is your shade at your right ha	nd,
6 So that the su	in shall not strike you by day,	
nor the m	oon by night.	
7 The LORD sh	all preserve you from all evil;	
it is he wh	o shall keep you safe.	
8 The LORD sha	all watch over your going out	and your coming
	his time forth for evermore.	

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Sequence Hymn – My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Hymnal 691
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Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

PeopleThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

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 Marcía, 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 <u>Kathy Armstrong</u>, <u>Max Bontrager</u>, <u>Caty Carter</u>, <u>Allan Dear</u>, <u>Janet Dickman, Terry Fontham</u>, <u>Melanie Ford</u>, <u>Tommy Hatcher</u>, <u>Peter</u> <u>Ingeman, Michane James</u>, <u>Laurie McCall</u>, <u>Laura Paine</u>, <u>Della Richards</u>, <u>Richard Rigby</u>, <u>Rocky</u>, <u>Benita Sandbach</u>, <u>Burt Tillman</u>, <u>Leslie</u>, <u>Andrew</u> <u>the Hightower family</u>, <u>the Mooney family</u>, <u>the Rigby family</u>, <u>the Waddell</u> family, the Weidman 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

Barbara Jane Rigby and Sam Waddell

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

People

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

Announcements – Please be seated

Offertory - God So Loved the World John Stainer Choir

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.*



Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured



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



Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Toccata on the God of Abraham Praise Michael Burkhardt

Special Notes

Father Walter Hobgood - The Rev. Walter Hobgood has graciously agreed to be our supply priest today. Father Walter will be available for emergency, or pastoral needs today and tomorrow while Father Hal is away.

Children's Church meets today. Children age $3 - 5^{th}$ 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.)

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. on March 8 – March 29th. Choir will meet on Thursdays at 6:00 during Lent.

The Tuesday Night Bible study led by Willa Valencia, will meet on –March 7th, 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 11th beginning at 11:00 in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come help fix sandwiches.

Spring forward - Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. Spring forward begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, March 12th.

1Book1Diocese for Lent – Beginning today, following the 10:00 service, Molly Stevenson will lead the book discussion of the 1Book1Diocese book "Beginning to Pray" by Anthony Bloom.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday Night Bible Study – March 7 – Ron & Tammy Borders' home – 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Holy Eucharist – March 8 – Sanctuary – 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Program – March 8 – Parish Hall – 6:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch – March 11 – Parish Hall – 11:00 1Book1Diocese for Lent book study – March 12 – Parish Hall – 11:15 a.m. 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.

Serving Today

EM: Stefani Carroll, Patricia Tyson, Sheri Gravett Lectors: Sheri Gravett, Chris Rutland, John McRae Acolytes: Nancy Lutsko, Rich Johnson, Gowan Johnson Altar Guild: Team 1 – Sandra Fletcher, Rita Hightower, Sallie Honeycutt, Amber Tanner, Robin Coleman Ushers: Alex Alvarez, John McRae, Delrick Bradley Greeter: Julia Ariail Coffee Hour: Phyllis Hiers, Patricia Tyson, Julia Ariail, Jeri-Lyn Flowers Media Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay



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Dottie Pitts

Al Turner

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OUR VISION

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

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