# Christ Episcopal Church





## April 9, 2023 10:00 a.m.



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

April 9, 2023	Easter	Rite II
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	<i>e – Thine is the Glory</i> Stephen Walters	
Lighting	g the Celestial Fire	
<b>Process</b> As the p	<b>ion</b> procession enters the church the opening hymn is sung	
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choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?): tr. The English Hymnal. 1906, alt. Music: Salve festa dies, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen. *People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

#### **Collect for Purity**

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*.



## The Collect of the Day

	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

### The Celebrant says the Collect.

BCP 222

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

## The Lessons Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.<sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

People

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Confitemini Domino 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever. 2 Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever." 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!" 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death. 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD. 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; he who is righteous may enter." 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. 22 The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. 23 This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eves. 24 On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Second Reading **Colossians 3:1-4** <sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you

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also will be revealed with him in glory.



Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first sayingThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

## John 20:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.""<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

People

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

The Sermon – The Rev. Hal Weidman

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows (Stand as you are able)

Let us join in renewing our baptismal vows.

**Celebrant:** Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**Celebrant:** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

People: I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant:** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?People: *I will, with God's help.* 

The people are asperged after the Renewal of their Baptismal Vows

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen*. **Reader**: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.* 

We pray your blessing on Christ Church as we receive your grace in Jesus Christ and share that grace with one another and the world. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for 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; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we prayer for Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, pray for the Peace of Jerusalem. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our congregation in Dublin, Christ Church, and for our ecumenical partners in Dublin, especially Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for St. Thomas (Santo Tomás) in Gautier. *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments*.

We pray for Joe our president, the Congress and the Courts; Brian our Governor; Scott our Mayor; Bill our County Commission Chairman, for those serving in the Armed Forces, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.* 

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; *Let light perpetual shine upon them.* 

We remember especially: Jake Daughtrey, Melanie Tudor

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom*.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for the sick and troubled especially; *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, Monty Miller, 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* 

(The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)

## The Peace

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

Announcements – please be seated

**Offertory** – *All the Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice* Choir Antonio Vivaldi, arr. by Hal Hopson



## The Holy Communion

## **Eucharistic Prayer D**

Sursum Corda

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	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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

#### The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

**BCP 364** 

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.* 



*The Celebrant may say the following Invitation* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **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*.



#### Hymn 210



## **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage; Hold fast to that which is good; Render no one evil for evil; Strengthen the faint hearted; Support the weak; Help the afflicted; Honor all. Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the spirit. And the blessing of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **AMEN.** 



## Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

**Postlude** – *Lift High the Cross* 

Sondra K. Tucker

## **Special Notes**

**Welcome** to our worship service, we are so glad you're here! Father Hal, the Vestry, Ushers and/or a Newcomer member are available to welcome you and answer any questions you might have.

<u>**Church Office**</u> will be closed Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to give our staff a much needed break from Holy Week.

<u>**Thank you to our Brass Players</u>** for assisting us with worship today: Brass Players: Asa Ballard, Trumpet; Brandon Allen, Trumpet; Tyrik Williams, Trombone; Xavier Ingram, Trombone</u>

**Easter Egg Hunt** will be held immediately following the 10:00 worship service on the church grounds. See Keri Wilkin for age appropriate hunting.

**Easter Reception** will be held immediately following the 10:00 worship service in the Parish Hall. A special children's snack table will be located under the breezeway, so they can partake in all the festivities. Hospitality Committee could use some help with clean-up. All are welcome to attend.

**Easter Lilies** may be taken home today after the 10:00 worship service. Thank you to everyone who donated Lilies to enhance the sanctuary today.

Wednesday Night Holy Eucharist, Dinner / Teaching Series Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist will resume on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and a program starting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> Fr. Hal will speak on Kateri Tekakwitha.

## **Special Notes – Cont.**

<u>Needlepoint on display</u> - *The Creation Series* needlepoint exhibit with six panels stitched by Christ Church member Sally Nunn will hang in our Parish Hall for the Easter Season. Be sure to view these striking works of art and congratulate the artist.

<u>Newcomer Dinner</u> - All visitors and new members are cordially invited to a welcome dinner on Sunday, April 30, 2023, beginning at 6:00 P.M. The dinner will be hosted by the Newcomer Team at the residence of Nikki and Bobby Yarbrough (4700 Skipper Bridge Road, Hahira, GA 31632). All ages are welcome. To RSVP, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall (by the display case) or call/text Martin Holland (770-605-2461) before April 23, 2023. We eagerly anticipate meeting our newest members and guests!

**Vacation Bible School** has been scheduled for Monday, June  $5^{th}$  – Thursday, June  $8^{th}$  from 9-12. Theme is "Summer Camp for Jesus". Registration information will be forthcoming and will open soon. Volunteers to help with V.B.S. are needed. Please let Keri Wilkins know if you are willing to assist.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

April 9 – 10:00a – Children's Church – Gabard Building 6p – EYC – Gabard Building EYC room April 10 – Church Office Closed
April 11 - 7:30p - Tuesday Night Bible Study – Ron & Tammy Borders' home April 16 – 10:00a – Children's Church – Gabard Building 4p – Stitchers of Love – Parish Hall 6p – Vespers – Sanctuary 6p – EYC – Gabard Building EYC room April 18 – 5:30p – Vestry Meeting – Parish Hall
7:30p - Tuesday Night Bible Study – Ron & Tammy Borders' home April 19 – 6:00p – Wednesday Night Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary 6:30p - Dinner & Program – Parish Hall
April 21 – 12p – HEP Lunch – John & Marcia McRae's home April 22 – 11:00a - Lunch Bunch - Parish Hall



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

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia <u>All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers</u> 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 Brad Burnette Sandra Fletcher Dottie Pitts Al Turner 2024 Jeani Synyard Patricia Tyson Joel Williams Larry Wisenbaker 2025 Phyllis Holland Steve Honeycutt Molly Stevenson Mike Tanner

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

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#### **Committee Chairs**

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