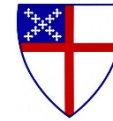


# Christ Episcopal Church



May 14, 2023  
10:00 a.m.



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



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Easter VI

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

Mobile text number simply text your gift amount to **844-928-4938**

**Prelude – A Franciscan Pastorale**

Franklin Ashdown

**Opening Hymn – All Creatures of our God and King**

Hymn 400

**Opening Salutation**

BCP 355

**Collect for Purity**

BCP 355

**Gloria**

Hymnal S280

**The Collect of the Day**

BCP 225

**The Lessons**

(See Insert)

**Gospel Hymn: We Plow the Fields and Gather**

Hymn 291

**The Sermon – Miss Maddie Yarbrough**

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

**Prayers of the People (Form III)**

BCP 387

**The Peace**

BCP 360

**Announcements – please be seated**

**Offertory – A Joyful Jubilant Song**

Choir

**Doxology**

Hymn 380 vs. 3

## THE EUCHARIST

**Eucharistic Prayer D**

BCP 372

**Sanctus**

Hymnal S125

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP 364

**Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S154

**The Communion**

BCP 365

**Communion Hymns – As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought**

Hymn 705

*O Jesus Crowned with all Renown*

Hymn 292

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

BCP 366

**Blessing**

**Hymn – The Spacious Firmament on High**

BCP 409

**Dismissal**

BCP 366

**Postlude – The Heaven are Telling, from The Creation** Haydn, arr. Arthur Brown

## Special Notes

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

**Youth Sunday** – The children and youth of Christ Church will be leading and serving during the 10:00 worship service today. Please support our young members as they participate and lead us in worship.

**UTO Ingathering** – Our UTO spring ingathering will be collected today by our youth. Envelopes are available in your church bulletin. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Happy Mother's Day** to you and to all the moms out there. May God bless you today with many joys and happy moments to cherish.

**Please extend a warm Christ Church welcome** - Pierre-Richard Cornely and Judith Telemark said their marriage vows at Christ Church on Wednesday the 10th. Please extend to them your support and love. They will be joining the church in the near future.

**Children's Church** will take a break for the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

**Needlepoint on display** - *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 thank her for sharing her talent with us.

**End of Preschool Program** – The Christ Church Preschool will hold their end of the year program on Friday, May 19, 2023 beginning at 9:15 in the sanctuary.

**Vacation Bible School** has been scheduled for Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Theme is "Summer Camp for Jesus". Registration information is available at: <https://form.jotform.com/231168946207157>. Volunteers to help with V.B.S. are needed. Please let Keri Wilkins (229-412-5630 or [kwilkin83@gmail.com](mailto:kwilkin83@gmail.com)) know if you are willing to assist.

### Upcoming Dates:

**May 14** – 10a – Youth Sunday  
10a – Nursery– Gabard Building  
**May 16** – 7:30p - Tuesday Night Bible Study – Ron & Tammy Borders' home  
**May 17** – 6p – Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary  
7p – Choir Practice - Sanctuary  
**May 19** – 9:15a – Preschool End of Year Program – Sanctuary  
**May 19-21** - Parish Retreat – Honey Creek  
**May 21** – 10a – Nursery– Gabard Building  
**May 23** – 7:30p - Tuesday Night Bible Study – Ron & Tammy Borders' home  
**May 24** – 6p – Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary  
7p – Choir Practice - Sanctuary  
**May 27** – 11a – Lunch Bunch – Parish Hall

### Serving today:

**Eucharistic Minister:** Phyllis Holland, Nancy Lutsko, Mike Tanner

**Lectors:** Rich Johnson, Maddie Yarbrough, Gwen Daughtrey

**Acolytes:** Amelia Blevins, Ann Harrell Blevins, Stella Blevins, Blake Yarbrough

**Altar Guild:** Team 2 – Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona

**Ushers:** Stephen Sandbach, Tanner Darby, Martin Holland, Haley Hood, Elizabeth Hood, Owen Coggins

**Greeter:** Julia Ariail, EYC Youth

**Coffee Hour:** Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard

**Media Crew:** Julius Ariail, Tom Carroll, Larry Wisenbaker



## 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  
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

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  
Habitat for Humanity & Men in Blue – Mike Tanner  
Hospitality – Pat Denmark  
Jamming for Jesus – Stella Clark  
Lunch Bunch – David Sandbach  
Media – Larry Wisenbaker  
Newcomer – Martin Holland  
Preschool – Anne Shenton  
St. Francis Ministry – Eleanor Parten  
Stitchers of Love – Rev. Dcn. Patricia Marks, Julia Ariail  
Ushers – John McRae  
Vespers – Phyllis Hiers

The church office is located at 103 East College Street.  
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Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 3 PM  
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Church website: [www.christchurchvaldosta.org](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org)

**Phone: 229-242-5115**

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## The Lessons

### First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

### Psalm 66:7-18

*Jubilate Deo*

BCP 674

- <sup>7</sup> **Bless our God, you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;**
- <sup>8</sup> **Who holds our souls in life,  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- <sup>9</sup> **For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**
- <sup>10</sup> **You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- <sup>11</sup> **You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**
- <sup>12</sup> **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows,  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- <sup>13</sup> **I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**
- <sup>14</sup> **Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**
- <sup>15</sup> **I called out to him with my mouth,  
and his praise was on my tongue.**
- <sup>16</sup> **If I had found evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;**
- <sup>17</sup> **But in truth God has heard me;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**
- <sup>18</sup> **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his love from me.**

## Second Reading

### 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-21

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

*Remember in your prayers: Kathy Armstrong, Max Bontrager, Caty Carter, Allan Dear, Janet Dickman, Terry Fontham, Melanie Ford, Louise Harden, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Monty Miller, Gnann Moser, Brett Nelson, Laura Paine, Della Richards, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Benita Sandbach, Paul Stevenson, Burt Tillman, Leslie, Andrew, Willa Valencia, Rita Watters, Michelle Weidman. Family of Laurie McCall.*