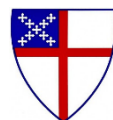
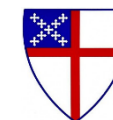


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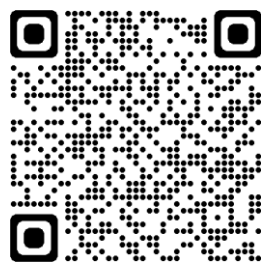
Christ Episcopal Church
1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA



May 21, 2023

Easter VII
Welcome to Christ Church!
Mobile text your gift to **844-928-4938**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



May 21, 2023
10:00 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – *Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us* Paul Manz

Opening Hymn – *Alleluia Sing to Jesus* Hymn 460 v. 1-3

Opening Salutation BCP 355

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria Hymnal S280

The Collect of the Day BCP 226

The Lessons (See Insert)

Gospel Hymn: *See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph* Hymn 215

The Sermon – The Rev. Walter Hobgood

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People (Form III) BCP 387

The Peace BCP 360

Announcements – please be seated

Offertory – *He Lives* (See Insert)

Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer D BCP 372

Sanctus Hymnal S125

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Fraction Anthem Hymnal S154

The Communion BCP 365

Communion Hymns – *When Christ was Lifted from the Earth* Hymn 603

The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns Hymn 483

Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 366

Blessing

Hymn – *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Hymn 494

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – *Postlude on Hyfrydol* Gordon Young

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 your questions.

Pentecost Sunday - Parish Picture - Pentecost Sunday, May 28th, we will be taking a parish photograph after the 10:00 worship service around the altar. We will be taking the photograph using the live streaming camera at the rear of the church. **Don't forget to wear RED to show your Pentecost colors.**

Children's Church will take a break for the summer and will resume 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.

Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for Monday, June 5th – Thursday, June 8th from 9-12 Pre-K 4-5th grade. We are excited for our theme "Summer Camp for Jesus" in just a couple of weeks. We will show our love for Jesus through community service. Registration information is available at: <https://form.jotform.com/231168946207157>. Please contact Keri Wilkin @ 229-412-5630 if you are interested in volunteering or sending snacks.

Happy Episcopal People – HEP Party will be June 16, 2023 at the home of Jeani Synyard beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a hors d'oeuvres to share. Drinks will be provided. Please remember this is an adult gathering only. Jeani - 229-834-6004

Renewal of Ministry Celebration – Bishop Logue will be at Christ Church on June 17, 2023 beginning at 4:00pm for the Renewal of Ministry Celebration. Father Hal will be installed as our new rector and will celebrate the beginning of us working together in our ministries. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Upcoming Dates:

May 24 – 6p – Holy Eucharist – Sanctuary

7p – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

May 27 – 11a – Lunch Bunch – Parish Hall

May 28 – 8 & 10a – Pentecost Sunday

11a – Parish Picture – **Wear Red**

May 29 – Church Office Closed

May 30 – 7:30p - Tuesday Night Bible Study – Ron & Tammy Borders' home

May 31 – 12p – Holy Eucharist – Blessed Virgin Mary

7p – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Servers

Eucharistic Minister: Eric Nielsen, David Sandbach, Martin Holland

Lectors: Rita Watters, David Sandbach, Gnann Moser

Acolytes: JD Greneker, Molly Stevenson, Nancy Lutsko

Altar Guild: Team 3 – Frances Guice, Krystle Black, Nikki Yarbrough, Martha Leake, Kathleen Parsons

Ushers: Al Turner, Tom Carroll, John McRae

Greeter: Nikki Yarbrough

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

Media Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay



OUR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

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

Hal Weidman, Pastor & Priest

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, Choir Director

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

Newcomers – Martin Holland

Preschool – Anne Shenton

St. Francis Ministry – Eleanor Parten

Stitchers of Love – The. Rev. Dcn. Patricia Marks, Julia Ariail

Ushers – John McRae

Vespers – Phyllis Hiers

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The Lessons

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

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Exsurgat Deus

- ¹ **Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.**
- ² **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of
God.**
- ³ **But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.**
- ⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- ⁵ **Father of orphans, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!**
- ⁶ **God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- ⁷ **O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,**
- ⁸ **The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- ⁹ **You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.**
- ¹⁰ **Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- ³³ **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.**
- ³⁴ **He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

³⁵ **Ascribe power to God;**

his majesty is over Israel;

his strength is in the skies.

³⁶ **How wonderful is God in his holy places!**

the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!

Blessed be God!

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

John 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Remember in your prayers: Kathy Armstrong, the Bontrager family, Caty Carter, Allan Dear, Janet Dickman, Terry Fontham, Melanie Ford, Louise Harden, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Marilyn Kemper, Grady Lacy, Monty Miller, Gnann Moser, Brett Nelson, Laura Paine, Della Richards, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Benita Sandbach, Paul Stevenson, Burt Tillman, Leslie, Andrew, Willa Valencia, Michelle Weidman.

*Pierre-Richard Cornely and Judith Telemarque – Marriage
Max Bontrager – Deceased*

He Lives

1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day; ___
2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care, ___
3. Re - joice, re - joice. O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing. ___

1. I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er oth - ers say; ___
2. And though my heart grows wea - ry I nev - er will de - spair; ___
3. E - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King! ___

1. I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer, ___
2. I know that He is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast, ___
3. The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find, ___

1. And just the time I need Him ___ He's al - ways near. ___
2. The day of His ap - pear - ing ___ will come at last. ___
3. None oth - er is so lov - ing, ___ so good and kind. ___

He lives, ___ He lives, ___ Christ Je - sus lives to - day! ___

He lives, He lives,

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. ___

He lives, ___ He lives, ___ sal - va - tion to im - part! ___

He lives, He lives,

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with - in my heart. ___