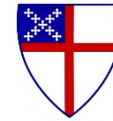


# Christ Episcopal Church



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1521 N. Patterson St.  
Valdosta, GA



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October 8, 2023  
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## THE WORD OF GOD

<b>Prelude – <i>Jesu Meine Zuversicht</i></b>	Christian Fink
<b>Opening Hymn – <i>Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus</i></b>	Hymn 495
<b>Opening Salutation</b>	BCP 355
<b>Collect for Purity</b>	BCP 355
<b>Gloria</b>	Hymnal S280
<b>The Collect of the Day</b>	BCP 234
<b>The Lessons</b>	(See Insert)
<b>Gospel Hymn: <i>Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured</i></b>	Hymn 313

**The Sermon** The Rev. Hal Weidman

<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	BCP 358
<b>Prayers of the People (Form II)</b>	BCP 385
<b>Confession of Sin</b>	BCP 360
<b>The Peace</b>	BCP 360
<b>Announcements – please be seated</b>	
<b>Offertory – <i>Alleluia Canon Based on a Canon</i> by Mozart. Arr. by Donald Moore</b>	Choir
<b>Doxology</b>	Hymn 380 vs. 3

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

<b>Eucharistic Prayer A</b>	BCP 361
<b>Sanctus</b>	Hymnal S130
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	BCP 364
<b>Fraction Anthem</b>	Hymnal S154
<b>The Communion</b>	BCP 365

<b>Communion Hymns – <i>My Song is Love Unknown</i></b>	Hymn 458
<b><i>O Love How Deep</i></b>	Hymn 448

<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	BCP 366
<b>Blessing</b>	
<b>Hymn – <i>Christ is Made the Sure Foundation</i></b>	Hymn 518
<b>Dismissal</b>	BCP 366

**Postlude – *Trumpet Tune on Westminster Abbey*** Jerry Westenkuehler

### 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.

**Christian Education for All Ages** At 9:15am, Children in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger meet in the Education (Gabard) Building. Also, at 9:15AM Chris Roan continues her adult class on the Sunday Bible readings in the Parish Hall. At 5PM students in the 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades will meet in EYC Room in the Education Building.

**Nursery opens at 9:00am** – The Nursery opens on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. This will give those with children 2 and under the opportunity to participate in Christian Education each Sunday morning. Children 3 and up attend Christian Education beginning at 9:15am.

**Blessing of the Animals** will be held today at 12p on the front lawn.

**Evening Prayer** is held on Monday evenings beginning at 5:30 p.m. Please plan to join us.

**The Tuesday Night Bible study** led by Willa Valencia, is held at 7:30pm at the home of Ron and Tammy Borders (1718 Williams St.). All adults are welcome. Please bring your Bible—any translation.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study** begins at 6:30 pm at the home of Ron & Tammy Borders located at 1718 Williams St. We are studying *Encountering God-Cultivating Habits of Faith through the Spiritual Disciplines*. If anyone is interested in knowing more or would like a book, you can call or text Tammy at 229-560-5889.

**The Stitchers of Love** need your donations of new or gently used stuffed animals to donate to the Children's Advocacy Center to comfort and soothe abused children. Contact Deacon Patricia Marks at 229-630-8644 or bring the animals to the Christ Church Office.

### The Week Ahead:

**12:00p** – Blessing of Animals – Front Lawn  
**5p** – EYC – Gabard Building  
**6p** – Vespers - Zoom  
**October 9** – Church & Grace Café Closed  
**5:30p** – Evening Prayer – Sanctuary  
**October 10** – Grace Café Closed  
**5:30p** – Executive Committee Meeting  
**6p** – College Ministry Meeting  
**7:30p** – Valencia Bible Study – Borders' Home  
**October 11 – 3:00p** – Vestry Reports Due  
**6:30p** – Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Borders' Home  
**7p** – Choir Practice – Sanctuary  
**October 12 – 7p** - Grace Café Dinner  
**October 14 – 11a** – Lunch Bunch  
**October 15 – 8 & 10a** – Holy Eucharist  
**9:15a** – Christian Education

### Servers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Stefani Carroll, Martin Holland, Eric Nielsen

**Lectors:** Bonnie Hanson, Martin Holland, Stefani Carroll

**Acolytes:** Maddie Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Chip Whiting

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

**Ushers:** David Blevins, Jason Reynolds, Sparky Greneker

**Greeter:** Dottie Pitts

**Coffee Hour:** Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard, Margaret Mittiga, Lucille Sineath

**Audio/Visual Crew:** Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

### **Donated Pumpkins Needed**



Grace Cafe is hosting a pumpkin carving event on Thursday, October 19, at 7:00 PM for college students. We are seeking interested volunteers to help teach the basics of pumpkin carving and we are seeking donations of pumpkins for the students to carve. Donated pumpkins can be dropped at the church on Sunday, October 15, or that week Monday -Thursday at Grace Cafe. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, call or text Jeri-Lyn Flowers at 404-771-7116 or Stefani Carroll at 229-560-1817.

**Oktoberfest** this year will be held in the parish hall on **Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**, with the biergarten opening at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served around 6:30. On the menu: Usinger's bratwurst from Milwaukee, potato salad and tossed salad, sauerkraut and other pickled things, rye bread, and beer and wine. Cost will be \$15 per person.



**Please note that this is an adult gathering for those 21 and older (please have proof of age with you). Childcare will be available in the Gabard building.**

Since Jane needs to know how many bratwurst to order, please **sign up before October 11<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall, or you can call the church office to leave your name. If you'd like to contribute by bringing potato salad (German or "regular") or sauerkraut, there'll also be a sign-up sheet for that in the parish hall. Danke schön!



### **Blessing of the Animals**

Christ Church will hold our annual Blessing of the Animals today at 12p on the front lawn.

**Parish Retreat** - The Parish Life committee has reserved a spot for Christ Church at Honey Creek for a Parish Retreat the weekend of October 20-22, 2023. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. **Please sign-up by October 11<sup>th</sup>**. A sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall, or contact the church office to sign up. Please contact Molly Stevenson ([mollybs64@outlook.com](mailto:mollybs64@outlook.com) or 229-292-8215) if you have further questions.



**Garden Guild** will meet on again beginning on Monday October 9th. We focus on the church grounds. The Garden Guild meets Monday and Wednesday from 10 - 12. More hardworking people are welcome to join us. Bring your gloves and tools.

## The Lessons

### First Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. <sup>18</sup>When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

### Psalm 19

*Caeli enarrant*

BCP 606

- <sup>1</sup> **The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
- <sup>2</sup> **One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- <sup>3</sup> **Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,  
their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.**
- <sup>5</sup> **In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- <sup>6</sup> **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- <sup>7</sup> **The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- <sup>8</sup> **The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup> **The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.**
- <sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**
- <sup>11</sup> **By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- <sup>12</sup> **Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- <sup>13</sup> **Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;**

**let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.**

<sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

### Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

<sup>4</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:33-46

<sup>33</sup>Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" <sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Remember in your prayers: The Armstrong family. Ann Burnette. Alexis Carr. the Cortese family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. the Davis family. Allan Dear. Bishop Tom Ely, Gene Grenaker. Merrill Guice. Louise Harden. Michane James. CathvAnn Kautier. the Mistick family. Gnann Moser. Rav Murphy. Brett Nelson. Lois Stevenson, the Stone family, Willa Valencia, Sue Marie Waddell, Michelle Weidman*

*Kathy Armstrong, Jason Guice, Ann Stone – deceased*

*Stephen, Kacie & Henry Sandbach on the birth of Holt Sandbach on September 18<sup>th</sup>.*