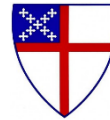


Christ Episcopal Church



December 25, 2023

10:00 a.m.



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



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Christmas Day

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

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

Prelude – *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* Wilber Held

Opening Hymn – *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* Hymn 107

Opening Salutation BCP 355

Collect for Purity BCP 355

Gloria BCP 356

The Collect of the Day BCP 212

The Lessons (See Insert)

Gospel Hymn – *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* Hymn 105

The Sermon The Rev. Hal Weidman

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People (Form III) BCP 387

Confession of Sin BCP 360

The Peace BCP 360

Announcements – please be seated

Offertory – *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming* Hymn 81

Doxology Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

Sanctus BCP 362

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Fraction Anthem BCP 364

The Communion BCP 364

Communion Hymns – *The First Noel* Hymn 109

Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 365

Blessing

Hymn – *Go Tell it on the Mountain* Hymn 99

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude – *The First Noel, Carillion-Sortie* Franklin Ashdown

The Lessons

Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Psalm 98 (Unison)

Cantate Domino

- 1 **Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.**
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 **The LORD has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**
- 6 **Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.**
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 **Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.