# Christ Episcopal Church





March 31, 2024 10:00 a.m.



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



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Easter Sunday Welcome to Christ Church!

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It is appropriate for Christ Church's families and friends, to arrive at church early so we can calm down, be silent, and pray in preparation for the sacred acts that are about to happen. Please respect the wishes of those who come early for worship by staying as quiet as you can. Please refrain from greeting your neighbor until coffee hour in the Parish Hall. If you must talk with someone, please exit the nave, and speak with them outside the church proper by the Christ Church sign. If you are serving in the service, please gather outside the church by our sign. Thank you, grace and peace, Fr Hal

#### **GUIDANCE FOR WORSHIPPING IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

#### When do I sit, stand, or kneel?

We pray, listen, and sing with words and with our posture. We pray either kneeling or standing. We listen sitting. We stand for the opening and closing processions and when we sing. Directions in the worship booklet will suggest when to stand, sit, or kneel—but these postures are optional and helpful if you are able. God welcomes your prayers no matter what your posture.

### What is Holy Eucharist?

Also called Holy Communion, the Divine Liturgy, the Great Offering, the Lord's Supper, or Mass, is the sacrament commanded by Jesus Christ for the continual remembrance of his life, death, and resurrection, until his coming again. Because the Eucharist, the Church's sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, is the way by which the sacrifice of Jesus is made present, and in which he unites us to his offering of himself, is also a remembrance of the meal of bread and wine Jesus shared with his disciples. How do I know when to speak during worship?

Your responses are **boldly** highlighted in this worship booklet.

**Prelude** – Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns for Brass Quartet and Organ Sondra Tucker

### **Welcoming Remarks**

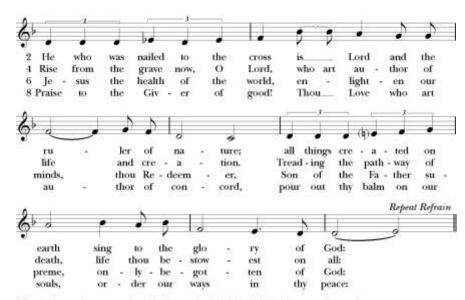
The congregation gathers in the Memorial Garden for the procession

## **Lighting the Celestial Fire**

#### **Procession**

As the procession enters the church the opening hymn is sung





The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

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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.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your lifegiving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

## The Lessons Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. <sup>8</sup>Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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 eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## **Second Reading**

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Then, all standing, a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

#### John 20:1-18

People

<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. 8Then 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." 18 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.

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) BCP 292

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.

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

**BCP 387** 

**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 Marcía, 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 prayer cycle we pray for the Province of West Indies. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our congregations in Darien, St. Andrew's and St. Cyprian's. We also pray for our ecumenical partners in Darien, especially Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church. In our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic, we pray for St. Anthony of Padua (San Antonio de Padua) in El Carreton.

# 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; members the Valdosta City Council and the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners; and 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: David Avera, Patsy Boone, Brett Nelson, Kathleen Parsons, Burt Tillman

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; Don Brice, Alexis Carr, Jeanna Culpepper, Gene Greneker, Louise Harden, Frances Hatcher, Tommy Hatcher, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Mike Lassen, Mindy Meeker, Gnann Moser, Ray Murphy, Rocky, Lucy Tomberlin, Michelle Weidman, Jacquie Wheeler, Gordon Zeese.

(The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.)

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.** 

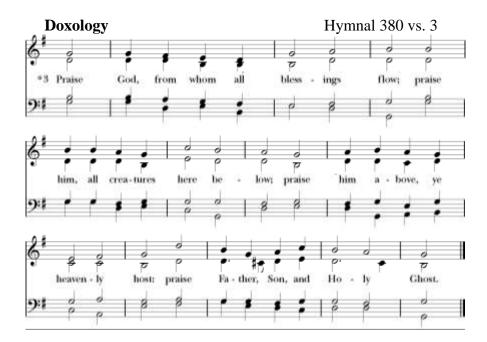
#### The Peace

People

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

**Announcements** – please be seated

Offertory – And the Glory of the Lord Choir George Frederick Handel, arr, by Hal Hopson The Hallelujah Chorus George Frederick Handel, arr. By Hal Hopson



# The Holy Communion

#### **Eucharistic Prayer D**

People

Sursum Corda BCP 372

The Lord be with you.

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.

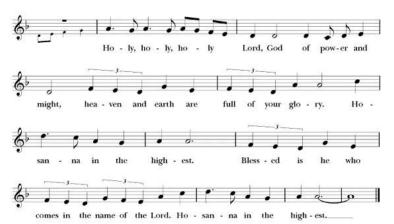
Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

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,

Celebrant and People

**Sanctus** 

Hymnal S129



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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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*.

## The Lord's Prayer

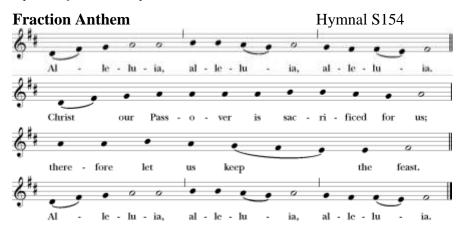
BCP 364

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.

### The Distribution of Holy Communion







#### **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** – Thine is the Glory for Brass Quartet and Organ Arr. By Stephen Walters The Rev. Walter Hobgood The Rev. Hal Weidman The Rev. Dcn. Nancy Sartin

#### **Servers**

#### **Eucharistic Minister**

Sheri Gravett David Sandbach Julia Ariail

#### Lectors

Julia Ariail Rita Waters David Sandbach

#### **Ushers**

Alex Alvarez Eric Nielsen Delrick Bradley

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Nancy Lutsko Phyllis Holland Molly Stevenson

## **Organist**

Sue Ellen Rumstay

# **Choir Director**

Issa Young

## **Brass Quartet**

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