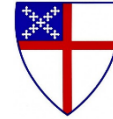


Christ Episcopal Church



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1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA



April 21, 2024

Easter IV

Rite II

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. 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



April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude – In thee is Gladness

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn – Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Hymn 205

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Salutation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Response: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Bishop then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop: On Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

People: **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,⁶with Annas the High priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 23 (Unison)

BCP 612

¹ **The Lord is my shepherd;**

I shall not be in want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures**

and leads me beside still waters.

³ **He revives my soul**

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ **You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

⁶ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Hymn – Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Hymn 343

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Then, all standing, a Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel: **John 10:11-18**
¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenter: *I present these persons for Confirmation. or I present these persons to be received into this Communion. or I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.*

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidate: **I do.**

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidate: **I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People: **We will.**

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: 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.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: **I will, with God’s help.**

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: 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. Prayers for the Candidates**

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth, and for those (this person) who *have* renewed *their* commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions.

Leader: Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant(s) says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who live and reigns now and for ever. **AMEN.**

A period of silence follows.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. Amen.

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

For Reception

Name of Confirmant we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

Name of Confirmant may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace is then exchanged

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

Announcements:

Bishop says an Offertory sentence.

Offertory – *The Lord is My Shepherd* Howard Goodall

Choir

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant says.

People: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

People: Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

People: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymn S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant(s) and People

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant(s) 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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith;

Celebrant(s) and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant(s):

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.

Fraction Anthem

Hymn S154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant(s) may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

My Shepherd Will Supply My Needs

Hymn 664



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
 is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
 all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Hymn 581



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
 3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;
 5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;



1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.
 2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
 3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
 5 as mem - bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.



6 Love can exclude no race or creed
 if honored be God's Name;
 our common life embraces all
 whose Father is the same.

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 Music: *Cheshire*, melody and bass from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1592, alt.; harm. *Hymns III*, 1979

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn 708

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
 with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mazurka*, Sicilian melody, from *The Ecumenical Magazine and London Review*, 1792

Celebrant(s) and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymn 518

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; fr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

The Dismissal

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these or similar words.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Response: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia*

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.

60'S AND OVER GATHERING – Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) gathering for 60's and over will be held from 5-7pm at Ron and Tammy Borders home. (1718 Williams Street). Please contact Jeani Snyard @229-834-6004

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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS AT 9:00 -Tammy Borders will be leading a ladies Bible study, starting with an introduction on April 18 at 9:00 am at Tammy's house, 1718 Williams St. It will be a study on The Gospel on the Ground, a study on the book of Acts. 7 weeks total. Thursdays at 9:00 am. For more information, call Tammy at 229-560-5889.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIVE NEWEST DAUGHTERS OF THE KING, Kacee Culpepper, Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Sally Nun, Rita Watters and Daphne Wright! Daughters of the King is a religious order in the Episcopal church. After completing a twelve week course, the candidates make a vow of Prayer and Service at which time they receive the cross of the Order. If you are interested in finding out more about the Daughters of the King, please contact Molly Stevenson or Nancy Lutsko.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 3-6. This year's theme is, "Earth, Stars, Hands, & Hearts."

A NEW ROLE FOR NANCY LUTSKO during our larger and principal feasts observed by the Episcopal Church and special occasions, like Sunday. In 2023 the Vestry encouraged her to pursue taking on the new responsibilities of a Verger. Deacon Nancy Sartin worked with Nancy L. Through training provided by the Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church. A verger is a member of a church who works under the direction of their rector, vicar, or priest-in-charge, to assist with the organization and operation of worship services in the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Church of England, and worldwide throughout the Anglican communion. "The ministry of the Vergers is to help to lead the church in bearing witness in the world to the hospitality of God, by helping the church to be a truly hospitable place, by helping us to worship the lord our God in dignity, in order, in beauty, and in truth in the church so that we can go forth to witness to that God to the world." The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, 27th presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church.

The Week Ahead:

April 23 – 6:00p – College Ministry Meeting

7:30p – Valencia Bible Study – Borders' Home

April 24 – 1:30 p – Garden Guild

6:30p – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

April 25 – 9:00a – Bible Study @ Tammy Borders

7p – College Ministry Dinner

April 27 – 10a – Altar Guild