

Christ Episcopal Church



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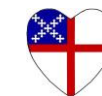
It is appropriate for Christ Church's families and friends, to arrive at church early so we can calm down, be silent, and pray in preparation for the sacred acts that are about to happen. Please respect the wishes of those who come early for worship by staying as quiet as you can. Please refrain from 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



Welcome to Christ Church!

Easter V

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – <i>O Sons and Daughters of the King</i> by Alexandre Guilmant <i>arr. by Joane S. Buck</i>	
Opening Hymn – <i>O Sons and Daughters of the King</i>	Hymn 206
Holy Baptism	BCP 299
Collect of the Day	BCP 254
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>God is Love, Let Heavens Adore Him</i>	Hymn 379
Gospel	(See Insert)
The Sermon	The Rev. Hal Weidman
Presentation and Examination of the Candidates	BCP 301
The Baptismal Covenant	BCP 304
Prayers for the Candidates	BCP 305
The Baptism	BCP 307
The Peace	
Announcements – please be seated	
Offertory Anthem – <i>Ye People, Rend Your Hearts</i>	Choir
Recit. And If With All Your Hearts by Felix Mendelssohn, Tenor Solo, Chris Rutland	
Doxology	Hymn 380 vs. 3

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus	Hymn S129
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymn S154
The Communion	BCP 364
Communion Hymns – <i>Com Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove</i>	Hymn 512
<i>Like the Murmur of the Doves Song</i>	Hymn 513
Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
Blessing	
Hymn – <i>In Christ There is No East or West</i>	Hymn 529
Dismissal	BCP366
Postlude – <i>In Christ There is No East or West</i>	arr. by Charles Callahan

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.

Today, April 28, 2024 We are Baptizing Samuel Peter Greneker. Son of Samuel and Shelley Greneker, Grandson of Molly and Paul Stevenson, long time active parishioners of Christ Church. Godparents for Samuel Peter are Thomas and Sarah Brittany Greneker; Lee and Jessica Jones; and Brett and Billye Jones.

FATHER HAL WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE Monday, April 29th – Wednesday, - May 1st. Father Hal will be at Honey Creek for the Spring Clergy Conference.

BRUNCH FOR MOTHERS of School Aged Children at the Rectory on Saturday, May 4th at 10:00 am. Contact Michelle Weidman 229-262-0426.

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).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 3-6. This year's theme is, "Earth, Stars, Hands, & Hearts." Contact Michelle Weidman 229.262.0426 for more information.

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.

NEW ROLE FOR NANCY LUTSKO DURING In 2023 the vestry encouraged Nancy to pursue taking on the new responsibilities of a Verger. Deacon Nancy Sartin worked with Nancy Lutsko 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 world-wide 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 28th – 5:30p – EYC – Gabard Building
6p – Vespers - Zoom

April 29th – 5:30p – Evening Prayer – Sanctuary

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

May 1st - 6:30p – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

May 2nd – 9:00a – Ladies Bible Study – Borders' Home

May 4th – 10a – Altar Guild

3:00-7:00p – VSU Graduation Parking Fundraiser

May 5th – 8 & 10a – Holy Eucharist

9:15a – Christian Education

11:15a – Coffee Hour

5:00 – 7:00p Cinco de Mayo Pary for (60+) at the home of Ron and Tammy Border

5:30p – EYC – Gabard Building

OUR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

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

Hal Weidman, Pastor & Priest

Nancy Sartin, Deacon

Peggy Baer, Administrative Assistant

Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper

Michelle Weidman, Director of Christian Education

Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Director of College Ministry

Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO

Issa Young, Choir Director

Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist

Nancy Lutsko, Verger

Regular Church Services

Sunday	8 a.m.	Eucharist Rite I
	9 a.m.	Nursery
	9:15 a.m.	Christian Education (all ages)
	10:00 a.m.	Eucharist Rite II
	5:30 p.m.	EYC
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Vespers (2 nd & 4 th – Zoom)
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer

Sign-up for Church E-mails by Texting ccvaldosta to 22828 to receive

The Friday Vineyard, our online newsletter, and email updates.

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

www.facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA

www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA

The church office is located at 103 East College Street.

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The Collect:

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through your son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson:**Acts 8:26-40**

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm: 22:24-30*said in unison***BCP 612**

²⁴**My praise is of him in the great assembly;***

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: ***

“May your heart live for ever!

²⁶**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, ***

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him

²⁷**For kingship belongs to the Lord; ***

he rules over the nations

²⁸**To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; ***

all who go down to the dust fall before him.*

they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.

²⁹**My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; ***

they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.

³⁰**They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn ***

the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Lesson:**1 John 4:7-21**

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel:**John 15:1-8**

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Remember in your prayers: Don Brice, Alexis Carr, Jeanna Culpepper, Gene Greneker, Louise Harden, Frances Hatcher, Tommy Hatcher, Greg Holland, Peter Ingeman, Michane James, Mike Lassen, Mindy Meeker, Gnann Moser, Ray Murphy, Juanita Quinn, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Lucy Tomberlin, Michelle Weidman, Jacquie Wheeler, Gordon Zeese
Family of Genevieve Creasy