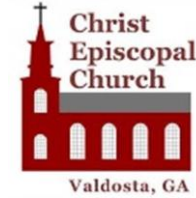
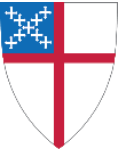


# Christ Episcopal Church



Welcome to Christ Church!



March 2, 2025

10:00a

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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. Thank you, and grace and peace.*

March 2, 2025

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist Rite II

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

<b>Prelude – Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate</b>	by W.A Mozart arr. by Paul R. Jones
<b>Opening Hymn – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</b>	Hymn 460
<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>	(See Insert)
<b>The Lessons</b>	(See Insert)
<b>Gospel Hymn – Songs of Thankfulness and Praise</b>	Hymn 135
<b>The Sermon</b>	The Rev. Walter Hobgood
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	BCP 358
<b>Prayers of the People (Form III)</b>	BCP 387
<b>Confession &amp; Absolution</b>	BCP 360
<b>The Peace</b>	BCP 360
<b>Announcements – Please Be Seated</b>	
<b>Offertory – A Choral Offering</b>	by J.S. Bach arr. by Tim Sharp
<b>Doxology</b>	Hymn 380 vs. 3

## THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

<b>Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer B</b>	BCP 367
<b>Sanctus</b>	Hymn S129
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	BCP 364
<b>Fraction Anthem</b>	Hymn S154
<b>The Communion</b>	BCP 365
<b>Communion Hymn – O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair</b>	Hymn 137
<b>Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen</b>	Hymn 178
<b>The Prayer of Thanksgiving</b>	BCP 365
<b>The Blessing</b>	BCP 366
<b>Hymn – Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</b>	Hymn 618
<b>Dismissal</b>	BCP 366
<b>Postlude – Lasst uns erfreuen</b>	by David N. Johnson

## The Collect:

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Old Testament:

### Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

## Psalm: 99

### BCP p. 728

#### **1 The Lord is King;**

**let the people tremble; \***

**he is enthroned upon the cherubim;**

**let the earth shake.**

#### **2 The Lord is great in Zion; \***

**he is high above all peoples.**

#### **3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \***

**he is the Holy One.**

#### **4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,**

**you have established equity; \***

**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”**

#### **5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God**

**and fall down before his footstool; \***

**he is the Holy One.**

#### **6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,**

**and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \***

**they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**

#### **7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \***

**they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**

**8 “O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \***  
**you were a God who forgave them,**  
**yet punished them for their evil deeds.”**

**9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God**  
**and worship him upon his holy hill; \***  
**for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

## Epistle:

### 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

## Gospel: Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” - not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen. <sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

**Remember in Your Prayers:**

Mimi Allen, Bryan Allman, Alexis Carr, Michael Curry, Lisa Day, Irene Dodd, Anita Ebersole, Jackie Elam, Javan Flowers, Louise Harden, Gail & Walter Hobgood, Sallie Honeycutt, Peter Ingeman, , Kerri Kent, Jason LaFleur, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Katherine Mayer, Phy Owens, Cindy Moses, David Parker, Morris Phillips, Johnny Price, Sally Querin, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Barbara Shirley, James Smith, Teresa Stevens, Gary Thomas, Julie Van Ham, Hal & Michelle Weidman.

**Serving this Service**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Stefani Carroll, Martin Holland, Sheri Gravett

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

**Acolytes:** Molly Stevenson, Erica Thieme, Dot Gatchell

**Altar Guild:** Sandra Fletcher, Sallie Honeycutt, Amber Tanner, Robin Coleman

**Ushers:** Bobby Yarbrough, Bart Cherry, Delrick Bradley

**Greeter:** Rita Watters

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

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard, Margaret Mittiga  
Lucille Sineath, Sue Ellen Rumstay

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia

All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.

Nancy Sartin, Deacon

Peggy Baer, Administrative Assistant

Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper

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Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Director of College Ministry

Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO

Ellie Copeland & Katie Wisenbaker, Youth Ministers (EYC)

Issa Young, Choir Director

Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist

Nancy Lutsko, Verger

Vestry: Cliff Baker, Louisa Beckett, Lauren Darby, Phyllis Holland, Steve Honeycutt,

Tim Hood, Becky Meadors, Ed Mistick, Kelli Prevost, Molly Stevenson,

Mike Tanner, Bobby Yarbrough

**SPECIAL NOTES**

**WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH**

Welcome to Christ Church! We're so happy you chose to worship with us. In the Episcopal Church, we worship together from the *Book of Common Prayer* and typically sing from our Hymnal. So that you may follow along, the priest will tell you where we are in the Prayer Book and give you the hymn number. If you have any questions about what to do, just ask someone sitting near you for help. We're sure they'll be happy to assist you.

**LENT 2025** – Plan to participate in the following services and events:

**Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 4** – GRIDDLES ARE NEEDED!

**Ash Wednesday, March 5**, Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at Noon and 6p (“Ashes to Go” is being verified also) *\*\*There will not be a meal that evening.\*\**

**Wednesdays in Lent** – 6p Holy Eucharist followed by a light supper and discussion – The discussions will center around updating the Parish Profile and Discerning together where God is leading us next. *\*\*An RSVP sign-up sheet will be posted weekly for dinners\*\**

**Quiet Day – Saturday, April 12**– More information to come

1Book1Diocese Book Study – *Passions of the Soul* by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams – Available on Amazon for \$10.49

*The Disciple's Way* – Forward Movement's Lenten daily devotions book – Copies available in the Parish Hall.

**LENTEN SUPPER RSVP SIGN-UP SHEET:** Every Sunday a new RSVP sign-up for the next Lenten dinner will be posted on the parish hall bulletin board. Please make sure that you sign up, so that the hospitality team can make sure there is enough food for all.

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS:** Help is needed to make bunny rabbits for the Children's Advocacy Center, which helps children traumatized by abuse. The pattern is a simple one—make a square, stitch it together, and stuff it! Call, text, or email Patricia Marks for more info (229-630-8644; [spmarks@bellsouth.net](mailto:spmarks@bellsouth.net)).

**THURSDAY MORNING EUCHARIST**

Thursday morning Eucharist will be suspended during Lent beginning March 6.

Why do we observe Lent?

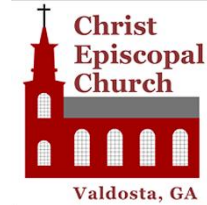
We use the 40 days of Lent to remember Jesus' time in the wilderness, and to perhaps follow his example of taking the time to be apart – apart from the distractions and temptations of this world. Apart from those things that keep us from hearing God. That's a difficult task today, where we are inundated by those distractions 24/7.

Lent is a quiet and solemn time in our church. On Ash Wednesday, we are “invited to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.” (BCP Pg. 265) On Sundays in Lent, we change the order of the service and even which Rite we use – at least at the 10 o'clock service, where we will be using Rite I which uses “the language and piety of the Elizabethan era and the first BCP”. On the first Sunday of Lent, following the processional hymn, we begin the service with The Great Litany, used as early as the fifth century in Rome. (The litany was the first English language rite that was prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556), first published in 1544.) (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/rite-1-rite-2/>). On the subsequent Sundays in Lent, we begin the service with the Decalogue (The Ten Commandments) and A Penitential Order.

As we enter this time set apart, I invite you to think about and take steps to spend some extra time apart from what distracts you and be still and listen to how God may be calling you into a deeper relationship with Him – preparing for and looking forward to the Feast of the Resurrection and the Good News “He is Risen!”

Peace be with you!

*Molly*



**Regular Church Services**

Sunday 8:00a Eucharist Rite I  
9:00a Nursery  
9:15a Christian Education (Adult)  
9:45a Children’s Education  
10:00a Eucharist - Rite II  
11:15a Coffee Hour – Parish Hall  
6:00p Vespers  
(1st & 3rd– Sanctuary)  
(2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Zoom)

**The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook**

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[www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA](http://www.youtube.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchValdostaGA)

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