



lei

son.

Setting: Plainsong, Tone 8; fauxbourdon Janet Hall (b. 1923)

© 1980, The Church Pennion Fund.

Welcome to Christ Church!

Sunday, March 30, 2025 10a



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist Rite



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude – Deep River	by Christo	opher Davidson
Processional Hymn - Come Tho	u Fount of Every Blessing	Hymnal 686
A Penitential Order: Rite I		BCP 319
The Decalogue		BCP 317
Confession & Absolution		BCP 320
Kyrie Eleison		Opposite Page
The Collect of the Day		BCP 167
The Lessons		(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn - There's a Widene	ess of God's Mercy	Hymnal 470
The Sermon	The Rev. V	/alter Hobgood
The Nicene Creed		BCP 326
The Prayers of the People		BCP 328
The Peace & Announcements		BCP 332
Offertory – Amazing Grace	by John Newton, arr. by Daniel Brinsmead	

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION		
Great Thanksgiving / Eucharistic Prayer I	BCP 333	
Sanctus	Hymnal S117	
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336	
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S157	
The Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337	
Communion Hymns – Wait for the Lord	Taize	
The Blessing	BCP 339	
Recessional Hymn - O Bless the Lord, My Soul	Hymnal 411	
Dismissal	BCP 340	
Postlude - Variation on an American Hymn Tune, VII	Allegro con fuoco	

The Collect:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the I and, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The organist will play through the chant once, then all are invited to chant the Psalm with the choir.



Psalm: 32 BCP p. 624

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

² Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered a<u>way</u>, * because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and <u>night</u>; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to <u>you</u>, * and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of <u>trouble</u>; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁸ You are my hiding-place you preserve me from <u>trouble</u>; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
 but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
 shout for joy, all who are true of heart.
 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.

Epistle:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3So he told them this parable: 11"There was a man who had two sons. 12The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.²⁵ Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go

in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.""

Remember in Your Prayers: : Mimi Allen, Bryan Allman, Alexis Carr, Luke Cowart, Michael Curry, Lisa Day, Irene Dodd, Anita Ebersole, Jackie Elam, Harriet Flowers, Mackey Foster, Curtis Fowler, Joe Glenn, Sammy Greneker, Louise Harden, Gail & Walter Hobgood, Sallie Honeycutt, Peter Ingeman, Kerri Kent, Jason LaFleur, Leigh Long, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Katherine Mayer, 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 Week

Eucharistic Ministers: Eric Nielson, David Sandbach, Jeani Synyard Lectors Kin: Jeanie Synyard, Rita Watters, David Sandbach Acolytes: Phyllis Holland, Molly, Stevenson, Paul Stevenson Altar Guild: Nancy Lutsko, Frances Guice, Happy & Peter Ingeman Ushers: Bobby Yarbrough, Blake Yarbrough, Glen Flowers Greeter: Julia Ariail

Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Lary Wisenbaker Coffee Hour Hosts: Amber Tanner, Pepi Nelson, Ruth Holland, Elizabeth Wisenbaker, Jennifer Hood

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. 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.

<u>6p Wednesday Lenten Holy Eucharist & Supper</u> – April 2, April 9. Discussions continue to center around updating the Parish Profile and Discerning together where God is leading us next. **An RSVP sign-up sheet is posted weekly for dinners on the parish hall bulletin board. It is important that you sign up, so that the hospitality team can prepare enough food for all. – Nursery Provided**

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES from the Wednesday Discussions during Lent will be posted on the parish hall walls. Take some time to read over what our Christ Church family is saying. The discussion topics for each week are:

March 12: In 5 - 10 years, what do you want our broader community to say about Christ Church?

March 19: What makes Christ Church distinctive, and Ministries – past, current and future.

March 26: The qualities we are looking for in a new rector.

April 2: What makes the Lowndes County/Valdosta area special?

<u>The past two Parish Profiles</u> (August 2013 and August 2022) are available on the Christ Church website. Julius Ariail has made them easy to access with links on the website homepage – Thank you, Julius!

Quiet Day – Saturday, April 12 – Plan to come pray while you walk the Labyrinth. Father Hobgood will be available for The Reconciliation of a Penitent (Confession)

<u>Watch Before the Blessed Sacrament</u> – Following the Maundy Thursday service on April 17th, and through the night, an Altar of Repose will be set up for you to come and pray and Be Still. "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?" *Matthew 26:40* A sign-up sheet is posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

<u>Filled Plastic Easter Eggs Needed</u> – Please help provide for the Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt. The event is held yearly on the church lawn following the 10AM Easter morning service. Eggs can be brought to church any Sunday between now and Easter or dropped off at the Church Office. (No chocolate, please.)

COLLEGE MINISTRY Egg Decorating Event at Grace Café – Thursday April 10 Please prayerfully consider donating a dozen or so eggs to this event. Drop them off at the café Monday -- Thursday from 9a to 10p or Fridays from 9a to 4p. You can also call Jeri-Lyn Flowers at 404-771-7116 to arrange drop-off. Thank you so much!

<u>WARDENS CORNER</u> – Lent 2025 is posted on the parish hall bulletin board and was published in The Vineyard last week.

Search Committee: Delrick Bradley and Robin Coleman – Co-Chairs Shelley Greneker, Julie Reynolds, Chris Rutland, Stephen Sandbach, Jeani Synyard, Elizabeth Wisenbaker Bobby Yarbrough – Vestry Liaison **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



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

All Christ Church Families & Friends are Ministers.

Nancy Sartin, Deacon

Molly Stevenson, Sr. Warden

Peggy Baer, Administrative Assistant

Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper

Stefani Carroll, Treasurer

Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Director of College Ministry

Elise Sandbach, Director of Preschool & PMO

Kylee Creasy, Children's Ministries Leader

Ellie Copeland & Katie Wisenbaker, Youth Ministers (EYC)

Issa Young, Choir Director

Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist

Nancy Lutsko, Verger

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.

Mailing address: 1521 N. Patterson St., Valdosta, GA 31602

Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 10:00a – 2p

e-mail address: Church Office - office@christchurchvaldosta.org

Church website: www.christchurchvaldosta.org

Phone: 229-242-5115 FAX: 229-242-2447

PASTORAL CARE

Molly Stevenson 229-292-8215



Scan to donate