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Welcome to Christ Church!

Sunday, April 6, 2025 10a



Fifth Sunday in Lent



arr. by George Blake

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude – Jesu Meine Freude	by Friedrich Wilhelm Zach	au
Processional Hymn – Sing the Almighty F	Power of God Hymnal 39	98
A Penitential Order: Rite I	BCP 31	9
The Decalogue	BCP 31	7
Confession & Absolution	BCP 32	20
Kyrie Eleison	(Opposite Pag	je)
The Collect of the Day	BCP 16	57
The Lessons	(Opposite Pag	je)
Gospel Hymn - Surely it is God Who Save	es Me Hymnal 67	'9
The Sermon	The Rev. Walter Hobgoo	d
The Nicene Creed	BCP 32	26
The Prayers of the People	BCP 32	28
The Peace & Announcements	BCP 33	32
Offertory - Soon-ah We'll Be Done	spiritual arr. by William L. Dawso	n

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 – Stay with me	Taize	
The Blessing	BCP 339	
Recessional Hymn – In the Cross of Christ I Glory	Hymnal 441	
Dismissal	BCP 340	
Postlude - Allegro (From Organ Concerto III) by George Frederick Handel,		

The Collect: BCP 167

O Almighty, God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto the people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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



Psalm: 126 BCP 782

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

³ Then they said among the nations, *

"The Lord has done great things for them."

⁴The Lord has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

⁵ Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *

like the watercourses of the Negev.

⁶Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.
 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: Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ³Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. §You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Remember in Your Prayers: Mimi Allen, Bryan Allman, Alexis Carr, Tyson Carter, 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: Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard Lectors Kin: Katerine Mayer Jane Kinney, Molly Stevenson Acolytes: Molly Stevenson, Erica Thieme, Dot Gatchell

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

Ushers: Mike Tanner, Paul Stevenson, Cameron Prevost

Greeter: Dottie Pitts

Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Tom Carroll, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker Coffee Hour Hosts: Bonnie Hanson, Phyllis Holland, Elise Sandbach, Chris Roan, Melissa Carter

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>Donations for Easter Lilies and Special Music are being accepted.</u> Complete the form found in your bulletin and return by Monday, April 1

<u>6p Wednesday Lenten Holy Eucharist & Supper</u> – 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 is special about Valdosta? Why would someone want to live here?

April 9: What brought you to Christ Church? Why do you stay at Christ Church?

The past two Parish Profiles (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!

<u>Quiet Day – Saturday, April 12</u> – 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 17, 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 10a 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>HEP NOONERS LUNCH</u> meeting at Noon on April 23. Please bring sandwiches to share. Drinks, soup and desserts are provided by hosts John and Marcia McRae, 2701 Green Meadow Drive or call John at 229-220-5619.

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.

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Issa Young, Choir Director
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist
Nancy Lutsko, Verger

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

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