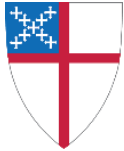


Welcome to Christ Church!

Vision: God's Love for All

May 25, 2025
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

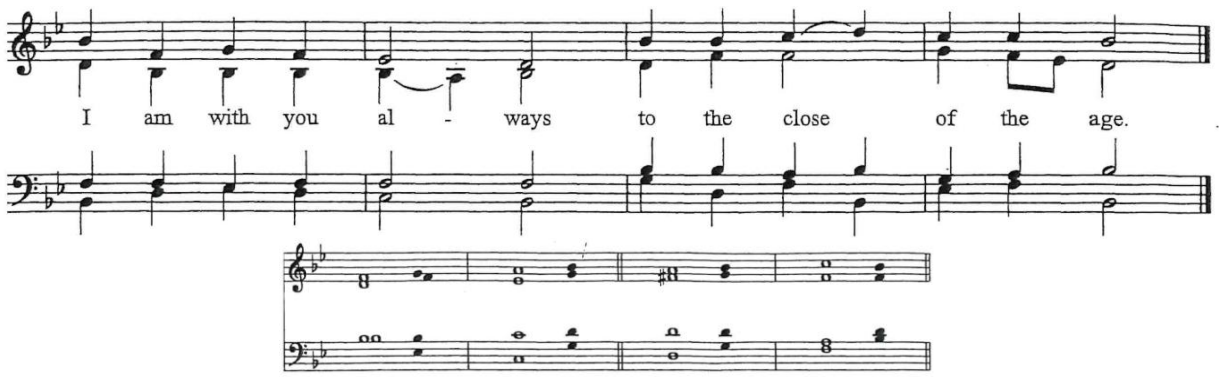
Prelude – A Franciscan Patroale	by Franklin D. Ashdown
Opening Hymn – <i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	Hymnal 400
Opening Salutation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Gloria	Hymnal S280
The Collect of the Day	BCP 225
The Lessons	(See Insert)
Gospel Hymn – <i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	Hymnal 405
The Sermon	The Rev. Robert Carr
The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form III	BCP 387
Confession & Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	BCP 360
Announcements – <i>Please Be Seated</i>	
Offertory – <i>If Ye Love Me</i>	by Thomas Tallis
Doxology	Hymnal 380 vs. 3

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer – Prayer A	BCP 361
Sanctus	Hymnal S129
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S154
The Communion	BCP 365
Communion Hymn – <i>Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove</i>	Hymnal 512
<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i>	Hymnal 513
The Prayer of Thanksgiving	BCP 365
The Blessing	BCP 366
Hymn – <i>The Spacious Firmament on High</i>	Hymnal 409
Dismissal	BCP 366
Postlude – <i>The Heavens are Telling</i>	Franz Joesph Haydn

The Collect:
O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

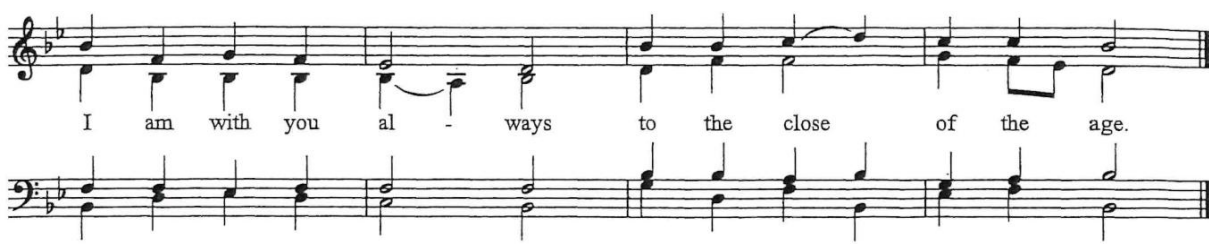
First Lesson: **Acts 16:9-15**
⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.



Psalm: 67 **BCP 675**

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.**

- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- 7 May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. 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.**



Second Lesson: **Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**
¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Gospel: **John 14:23-29**
²³ Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵” I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Remember in Your Prayers: Remember in Your Prayers: Mimi Allen, Bryan Almand, Alexis Carr, Tyson Carter, Luke Cowart, Michael Curry, Lisa Day, Irene Dodd, Jane Earle, Jackie Elam, Mackey Foster, Curtis Fowler, Kathleen Furukawa, Sammy Greneker, Louise Harden, Gail & Walter Hobgood, Peter Ingeman, Marilyn Kemper, Kerri Kent, Meg Kessel, Jason LaFleur, Leigh Long, Dennis Marks, Doug Mayer, Katherine Mayer, Cindy Moses, Morris Phillips, the Pittman family, Johnny Price, Mark Redfield, Richard Rigby, Rocky, Barbara Shirley, Joe Glenn Smith, Teresa Stevens, Julie Van Ham, the Warrick family, Hal & Michelle Weidman, Kathy Wenk.

Serving Today

Eucharistic Ministers: John McRae, Sheri Gravett, Phyllis Holland
Lectors: Daphne Wright, John McRae, Phyllis Holland
Acolytes: Blake Yarbrough, Haley Hood, Elizabeth Hood
Altar Guild: Debi Saeger, Julia Ariail, Lucy Tomberlin, B.J. Mistick
Ushers: Glen Flowers, Eric Nielsen, Mike Tanner
Greeter: Nikki Yarbrough
Audio/Visual Crew: Julius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker
Coffee Hour Hosts: Robin Coleman, Debbie McLeod, Jeani Synyard, Margaret Mittiga, Lucille Sineath, Sue Ellen Rumstay

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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

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**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

**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 – page numbers are listed in the bulletin. 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.

**SPECIAL NOTES**

**THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION:** Thursday, May 29 – Join us to celebrate this Major Feast Day, beginning with the Holy Eucharist at 6:00p, followed by a Men-in-Blue Hot Dog & Hamburger Cook-out following service. The RSVP and Side Dish Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall.


**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** From 10:15-11:15 at Marcia McRae’s home. We will be studying The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. If anyone is interested in joining they can either show up or call Tammy Borders at 229-560-5889 for more information.

**MEN’S CLOTHING AND SHOES NEEDED:** Quola’s downtown soup kitchen is in desperate need of summer menswear and men’s shoes. Please no women’s clothing. You can drop off your donations in the church parish hall. Questions? Call Pepi Nelson 229-563-3414.

 **Preschool/PMO Teacher Aides Needed for the Fall School Year at Christ Church Preschool.**  
Pass the word - Christ Church Preschool is in need of teachers and teacher aides for the 2025 -2026 School Year. Contact: Elise Sandbach, Director at 229-630-4738 or via e-mail at sandbach1@bellsouth.net

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!**  
Get ready for an exciting week of faith and fun at Vacation Bible School! All children ages 2 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us as we learn about God's love through stories, songs, games, crafts, and more. VBS will be held from 9a -12p June 2 -5. Don't miss this special time for our young ones to grow in faith and fellowship! *Registration is now open for children and volunteers.*  
**SIGN-UP link:** <https://www.myvbs.org/VBSSIGNUP/>



 **HEP PARTY:** Friday, June 6 at 6p. Jeani Synyards house 746 Lake Laurie Drive. Please bring appetizer to share. Questions? Contact Jeani Synyard at 229-834-6004.

**SUMMER CAMP AT HONEY CREEK** to register go to: [www.honeycreek.org/camps](http://www.honeycreek.org/camps)  
High School: June 8-14, 2025  
St. Peter (6-8 grade): June 15-21, 2025  
Sts. Joseph & Mary (3-5 grade): June 22-28, 2025

# Creative Ideas Wanted

We're thrilled to announce the re-launch of the Monthly Newsletter starting June 1! This newsletter will be delivered to your email inbox each month, filled with fresh and exciting content for your reading enjoyment.

To honor a tradition from years past, we'll be reviving the original name of the publication – The Vineyard.

This also means we'll need a *brand-new name* for our weekly edition, currently called the Friday Vineyard.

We're inviting your ideas and creativity to help us give it a fresh identity!

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO SUBMIT YOUR CREATIVE IDEA. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE TO PEGGY IN THE OFFICE BY NOON ON THURSDAY, MAY 29. Call Peggy at the church office 229-242-5115 or e-mail her at [office@christchurchvaldosta.org](mailto:office@christchurchvaldosta.org).

FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW WITH YOUR NAME SUGGESTION AND PLACE IT IN THE CLEAR BOX LOCATED IN THE PARISH HALL.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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MY SUGGESTION FOR WEEKLY EDITION:  
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*Mission Statement: As followers of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we share God's love, grace and mercy through worship, prayer and service, respecting the dignity of all.*

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia  
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Kylee Creasy, Children's Ministries Leader  
Ellie Copeland & Katie Wisenbaker, Youth Ministers (EYC)  
Issa Young, Choir Director  
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Director of Music  
Nancy Lutsko, Verge

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