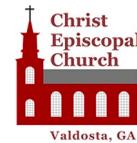


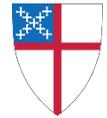


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Welcome to Christ Church!

March 8, 2026
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The 3rd Sunday in Lent

A Penitential Order & Holy Eucharist

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude – <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	by Gordon Young and Kevin Hildebrand
Opening Hymn – <i>Come, thou fount of every blessing</i>	Hymnal 686
Opening Acclamation	BCP 319
The Confession of Sin	BCP 320
<i>Kyrie</i>	S92
The Collect of the Day	BCP 167
The Lessons	(Next page)
Sequence Hymn – <i>As longs the deer for cooling streams</i>	Hymnal 658
The Sermon	The Rev'd Deacon Nancy Sartin
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP 328
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory – <i>God So Loved the World</i>	by John Stainer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II)	BCP 340
<i>Sanctus</i>	Hymnal S117
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
Fraction Anthem	Hymnal S159
The Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337
Communion Hymn – <i>O Lord, Hear My Prayer</i>	Taizé
The Lenten Blessing	
Recessional Hymn – <i>Guide me, O thou great Jehovah</i>	Hymnal 690
The Dismissal	BCP 340
Postlude – <i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	arr. by Mark Kellner

The Collect:

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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



Psalm 95

BCP 724

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-vation.**
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanks-giving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.**
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

7 For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

**9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.**

**10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."**

**11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."**

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. A-men.

Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be

thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Remember in Your Prayers: Gayle Adams, Bruce Beal, Ron Bezona, Tony Brooks, Don Brugel, Tyson Carter, Mark Chamberlain, Ellie Daniels, Gretchen DeLong, Jane Earle, Jackie Elam, Doug Farwell, Mackey Foster, Louise Harden, Frances Hatcher, Cathy Horne, Creston Huelett, Steve Honeycutt, the Kemper family, David Lemburg, Dennis Marks, the Mistick family, Kamrin Naville, David Parker, Alice Pendleton, Johnny Price, Rocky, Fego Seward, Carrean Shapiro, Debi Spivey, Jane Stanaland, Terry Windell, the Saeger family

Serving this Week – March 8

Eucharistic Ministers: Tammy Borders, Molly Stevenson, Jeani Synyard
Lectors: Jane Kinney, Molly Stevenson, Katherine Mayer
Acolytes: Phyllis Holland, David Holland, Holly Holland
Altar Guild: Phyllis Holland, Anne Reid, Mimi Allen, Pat Bezona, Daphne Wright
Ushers: Eric Nielsen, Bart Cherry, Delrick Bradley
Greeter: Rita Watters
Audio/Visual Crew: Jullius Ariail, Ken Rumstay, Larry Wisenbaker

Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 11 6p Wednesdays in Lent - Walking through Holy Week
See the Grapevine for more details

March 27-28 – Lay Ministers Conference @ Honey Creek

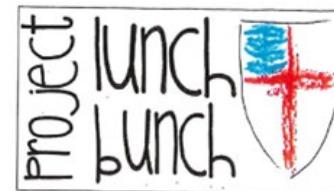
March 29 – April 5 **Holy Week/Easter**

April 16-19 – Cursillo @ Honey Creek

April 27-29 – Spring Clergy Conference @ Honey Creek



Filled Plastic Eggs Needed – Please help provide filled plastic eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Day. Eggs can be dropped off any time between now and Thursday, April 2. (No chocolate or nuts, please.)



An outreach mission of Christ Episcopal Church, Valdosta

LUNCH BUNCH: *The 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, this month the dates are March 14 and March 28.* Help make sack lunches for approximately 100 children in need of meals. It is an assembly line process that only takes about one hour of your time. Please call John McRae at 229-220-5619 to sign up or just show up on Saturday.

Socks and Underwear Drive – Sponsored by *Lowndes County Called to Care*. A collection basket has been placed in the parish hall for donations of socks and underwear for children. Youth sizes 7-14 (underwear) and 9-2 or 4-9 (socks) are most needed.



Stitches of Love *The 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 4p* in parish hall. March meeting dates - *March 1 and March 15.*

Grace Café

COLLEGE MINISTRY MONTHLY GRACE CAFÉ FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE. The café food pantry is requesting for *March*: hygiene products – shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc. A donation basket has been placed in the parish hall for your convenience. Thank you for your generous support of our College Ministry!

College Ministry Dinner and Gathering Nights for March

March 12, 7pm – Dinner (Pizza)

March 19, SPRING BREAK

March 26, 7pm – Trivia Night

Upcoming Children and Youth Events

Families with Young Kids Gathering – Saturday, March 21, 3pm

Hosted by Cameron and Kelli Prevost, 5323 Forest Glen Circle (Stone Creek)

Bounce House, Boston Butt and Slaw. Bring an appetizer or side to share. *BYOB*

Youth Weekly Compline

Where: Zoom

When: Every Wednesday evening @ 9pm

Who: 6 – 12 grade youth



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March 20 – 22

New Beginnings

Who: Youth Grades 7 -9

For more info – Contact Karen Bell at karenmackenziebell@gmail.com

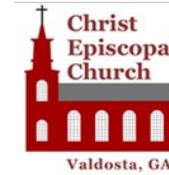
Summer Camp @ Honey Creek

High School (9th – 12th grade) – June 7-13

St. Peter (6th – 8th grade) – June 14-20

Sts. Joseph & Mary (3rd – 5th grade) – June 21-27

For more info – Contact Karen Bell at karenmackenziebell@gmail.com



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'd Frank Logue, Bishop of Georgia
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The Rev'd R. Kevin Kelly, Rector

The Rev'd Nancy Sartin, Deacon

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Sue Ellen Rumstay, Director of Music

Nancy Lutsko, Verger

The 10:00 service is livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

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