CHRIST CHURCH AMONG THE OAKS

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

August 20, 2023       9:00 a.m.

A second worship site for Christ Church Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Worship: Sundays 9:00 a.m.   Vicar: The Rev. Sandy Tull
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Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Vs. 1, 2 & 3

1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate
   2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar
   3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did
   * 4 Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the
   * 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the worm-wood and the

ball, to him ascribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the royaladem, and
   2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
   3 call, the God incarnate, Man divine, and
   4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
   5 gall, go, spread your trophies at his feet, and
crown him Lord of all! to him a-

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the royal
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe,

1 dia - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
to Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him Lord of all!
Welcome Guests and Newcomers

Welcome to Christ Church Among the Oaks. This is a multi-denominational congregation, made up of friends, neighbors, people who are new to our area, and those seeking something a little different and a little more meaningful in their spiritual and worship life. We feel called to serve our local community and as you will hear today, we focus on six local outreach agencies that do the hard work that Jesus taught us. A short description of each Outreach Partner is in the back of this bulletin. We welcome the opportunity to meet you and answer any questions you may have about our church and our work in the community! We are incredibly grateful for the support and encouragement we receive from Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra and thank their leadership for the freedom to be a unique, mission-focused worship community.

Servant Board: Paula Allmen, Mike Cleary, Steve Harrison, Claire Heusinger, Deborah Pearsall, Stan Sundermeyer, and Jenny Weeks, warden.

Presider: The Rev. Sandy Tull
Musician: Boril Ivanov
Vocalist: Claire Heusinger

We encourage our guests to fill out a welcome card today!
We are glad you are with us and look forward to worshiping with you often.

Prelude

Medley

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

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Opening Sentences

Celebrant  Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People  And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen
The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant-- these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
Psalm 67

Lector May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
People  show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Lector Let your ways be known upon earth, *
People  your saving health among all nations.

Lector Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
People  let all the peoples praise you.

Lector Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
People  for you judge the peoples with equity 
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Lector Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
People  let all the peoples praise you.

Lector The earth has brought forth her increase; *
People  may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

Lector May God give us his blessing, *
People  and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Second Reading

Lector A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
Please stand.

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 15:21-28

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily The Rev. Sandy Tull

Meditative Interlude

The Prayers of The People, Form VI

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and John, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For our ministry partners: St. Gerard’s Campus, St. Francis House and Port in the Storm, South Woods Elementary, Learn to Read, Pie in the Sky, and Council on Aging. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them, and in all things they do. **That they may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of his Christ.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*The People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name forever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*The People may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

**Prayers for the Hurting World**

All God of peace and justice, we pray this day for all peoples around the world who are suffering from war, famine, floods, fires, and from other devastations. We pray for all those who fear tomorrow: that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power: that they may have wisdom and discernment to aid people in distress and that they be guided by compassion in their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children who are at risk and live in fear: that you would hold and protect them. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*
The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

To make an offering online visit ccpvb.org/give
or use the QR code at the back of the bulletin. Thank you for your support.

Offertory

The Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you forever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers, Sarah, Rebecca and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

*All* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant continues*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Distribution of Communion**

*All baptized persons, including children, are invited to receive Communion.*
**Communion Music**  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

*Refrain*  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant*  
Let us pray.

*All*  
Holy, gracious, God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.  
We have rested in the depth of your love; we have tasted your nourishing,  
nurturing presence; we accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at  
this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life  
you offer. And we give you thanks. Amen.

**Sending the Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant*  
In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these gifts, that those to  
whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood

*People*  
We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

**The Blessing**
Closing Hymn  

_All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!_  

Vs. 4, 5 & 6

Dismissal

_Celebrant_  Alleluia, alleluia, let us go forth in the name of Christ.

_People_  Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude  

_Medley_
Announcements

Christ Church Among the Oaks is grateful.

This week, Christ Church Among the Oaks is grateful for Father Keith and Father Andreis from Christ Church in Ponte Vedra for serving our congregation while Mother Sandy was on much deserved vacation. Our relationship with the "Big Church" is critical to our success and allows us to maintain our focus on our outreach partners. Thank You, Keith and Andreis, and please come see us again!

Altar Guild Volunteers

Our Altar Guild prepares the Eucharist Table for worship each week and works with Mother Sandy to prepare for each liturgical season of the church. This work is a spiritual practice that our Guild volunteers find especially meaningful, along with the satisfaction of making a big impact on the worship experience for the entire congregation. This ministry is looking for additional volunteers and will welcome and train anyone that wants to have a deeper attachment to our worship and the fellowship of this important ministry. Please see Deborah Pearsall, Mary Jane Dillon, and Mother Sandy.

Supporting Our Outreach Partners

As we celebrate the friends, family, and travel of summer, don't forget our outreach partners are still experiencing very high demand for services, increasing costs, and reduced donations. Your financial offering each Sunday is extremely important and we encourage you to look for other opportunities to support our partners and maybe have some fun at the fund-raising events they are all working so hard to make successful. THANK YOU!!

The Order of the Daughters of the King®

Our local chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King® will pray for and/or rejoice with you confidentially. We encourage you to fill out a prayer/thanksgiving card and place it in the blessing bowl on the welcome counter next to the kitchen. The cards will be gathered each week and the Daughters of the King will begin praying for you.

Offerings Online

Forgot to bring cash or write a check?? We now have a QR code in the bulletin for safe, quick, and easy online giving. You will be automatically directed to the Christ Church giving page where you can enter your information one time and it will be saved for future giving.

Pass The Plate

Make a gift or catch up on your pledge online. THANK YOU for your faithful gifts to the church, today and always.
Our Outreach Liaisons

Learn to Read
Improving literacy for over 200 individuals each year at no cost to the student. Improved reading skills lead to better paying jobs, higher levels of education, healthier lifestyles, and a better overall community.

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St. Gerard’s Campus
A non-profit maternity home and Christian high school for pregnant teenagers, promoting empowerment through education and strong Christian values.

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St. Francis Housing Crisis Center / Port in the Storm
Engaging those experiencing homelessness to achieve stability, self-sufficiency, and a viable plan for their future by providing a safe, stable environment, access to essential services, and supportive connections.

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Council on Aging
Provides the opportunity for every person in St. Johns County to enjoy wellness, longevity and quality of life choices within a strong, healthy community.

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Pie in the Sky Community Alliance of St. John County
Pie in the Sky is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization providing hope by serving with dignity and respect to alleviate hunger and social isolation through the home delivery of healthy fresh produce to low-income senior citizens.

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South Woods Elementary
Creating a secure community that will instill in all students a desire for academic excellence, fostering the development of caring, productive citizens.

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