



CHRIST CHURCH

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*Transforming lives together,
through the love of God, in Christ.*

HOLY EUCHARIST: CONTEMPLATIVE

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

• July 19, 2026 • 5:00 p.m. • Church •

*Welcome to Christ Church Ponte Vedra Beach! We are delighted to have you worship with us.
In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your phone. Thank you!*

THE WORD OF GOD

Silence for Prayer

This contemplative service is preceded by a period of silence at 4:50 p.m.

Prelude

Intrumental music

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening Sentences

Leader

Lord, take this song and fill it with Your presence.
Let it bring a word of hope to weary care-full hearts.
Take this song and fill it, Lord.

People

Fill it with Yourself.

Lord, take our life and fill it with Your praises.
Let us speak a word of peace that Jesus brings in us.
Take our life and fill it, Lord.

Fill it with Yourself.

Lord, take this place and fill it with Your blessing.
Let it be a haven where the poor in spirit sing.
Take this place and fill it, Lord.

Fill it with Your praise.

First Hymn

Amazing Grace

John Newton

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now, am found, was blind, but now, I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace, my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Gospel

Leader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

13:24-30, 36-43

People **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest!**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Leader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.

Reflection

Candice Tiner

A reflection is essentially based on a personal experience and is a great way to share what God is doing in our lives. When we listen to what God is doing in our brothers' and sisters' lives, we are likely to grow in greater awareness of how God works in our own lives.

One minute of silence follows.

Music for Meditation

You may stand or kneel.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Almighty God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust, we pray for the Church and for all who serve you in it.

People Loving God, enliven the Church for its mission.
That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.
That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Let us now name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

People may add their prayers either silently or aloud.

Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills, until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Candlelighting

We continue our prayers through the lighting of the votive candles as a symbol of our love and concern for others. During the instrumental music, you are welcome to light a single candle as a symbol of your prayers.

Candles are located at the front of the main aisle to the left and right.

Please stand.

The Peace

Celebrant Jesus says: My Peace I give to you. Do not be afraid. I call you my friend.
Abide in my love. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

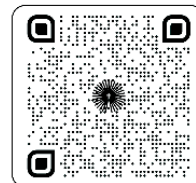
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Cornerstone

Hillsong Worship

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

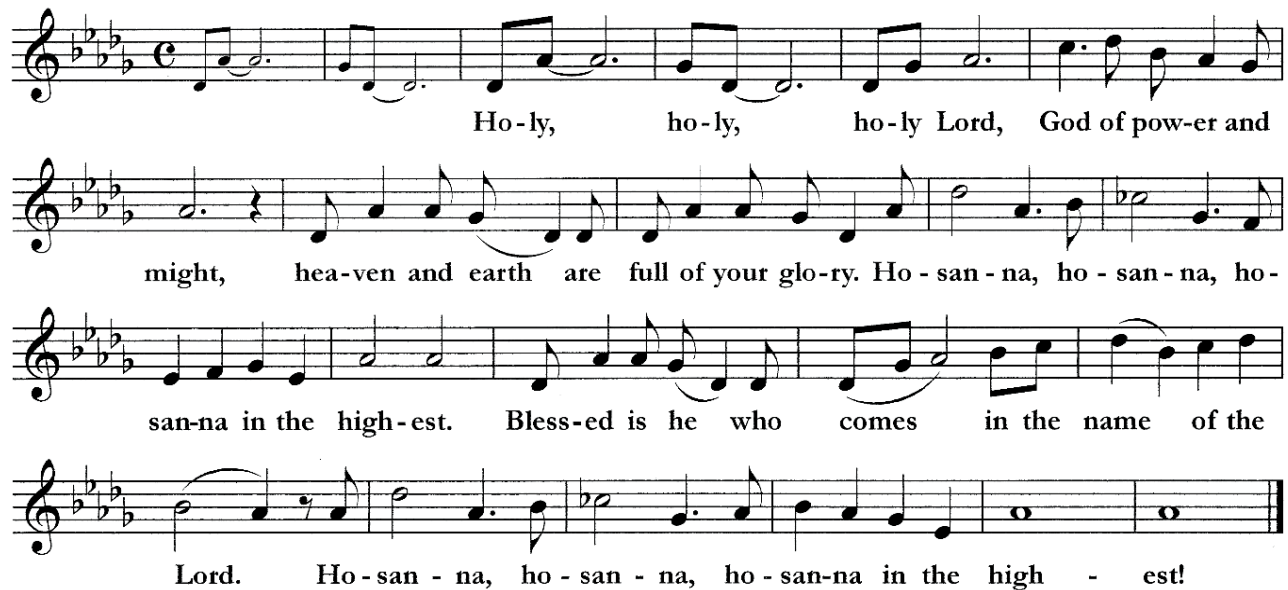
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues

O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Sanctus



Celebrant continues

We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them, saying:

All together

“This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”

So, too, after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them, saying:

All together

“This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All together

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Come now, Spirit of God, and as we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

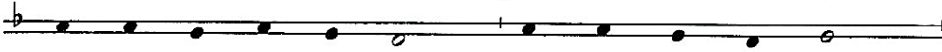
The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

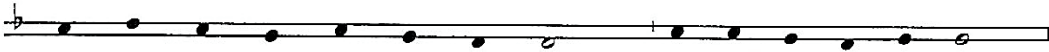


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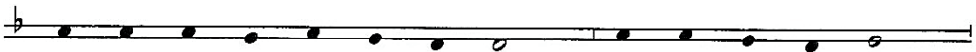
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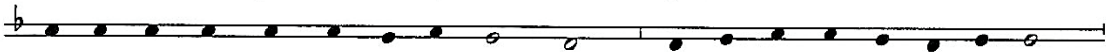
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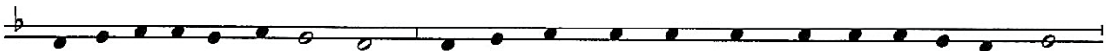
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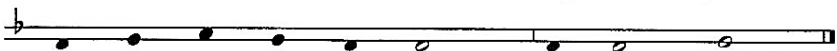
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and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us.

Je-sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer-cy on us.

Je-sus, Re - deem - er, re - deem-er of the world, do-na no - bis

pa - cem, do-na no-bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Celebrant continues

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God's table.

All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

Communion Music

One Bread, One Body

John Foley

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing, which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all. *Refrain*

Two minutes of silence follow.

After Communion Music *Seek Ye First*

Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first, the kingdom of God, and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

After Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Loving God, we give you thanks that in the sacrament of Christ's
Body and Blood, you awaken us to your indwelling Presence and our
true life. Help us to recognize and honor your Presence in one
another, to treat each other with reverence and humility, and to
become, more and more, the people we already are in you. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant The love of the Lord Jesus draws you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthens you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fills your hearts; and the
blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among
you and remain with you always. Amen.

Music for Meditation

Please stand.

Dismissal

Leader Go with joy: may you be surprised by angels and join in their laughter.
Go with empty hands: may you receive the generosity of others
and the blessings of God.
Go with full hearts: may you find opportunities to share all you have been given.
Go in peace.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Instrumental Music

Feel free to depart during the postlude.

Music directed by Ian Bula

Barbara Sartin, Piano

Daniel Pesante, Soloist

TODAY, Sunday July 19

Cursillo Fall Weekend Information

Today during breakfast! Come and learn about Cursillo and how you can participate this fall!

Breakfast: 8:15am - 10:45am. \$10/adult, \$7/children under 8; \$34 family max.

Nursery Care - Available from 8:45am to 12:30pm; ages four months to 5.

Children's Chapel | 9:15 am | Lobby

Clergy Forum | 10:15-11:00 | Room 106

“When the Text Talks Back: Building a Way to Read the Parables of Jesus.”

Sundays

July 12, 19, 26 Room 124 | 10:15-11:00am

Led by retired Navy chaplain Phil Wyrick.

Over three sessions, participants will build their own way of reading the parables of Jesus - his favorite form of teaching, and among his most unsettling. The class is a provocative search: less for settled answers than for the confidence to stand inside the questions these stories raise, and to let the text talk back.

No Youth Forum will be held today; Please pray for our youth and their adult chaperones on their Mission Trip to Amistad, Bolivia from July 16th-July 23rd. Amelia, Grace, Dan, Harlee, Sophie, Avery, Rebecca, Bradley, Parker, Amy, Sophia, Charlie, and Harper.

Bulletins for BEAM at the Local

Bring in your bulletin on Sundays in July from 9-4 to our neighborhood Local restaurant, and they will be donate 10% of sales to BEAM!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us this summer in supporting Mission House! Bring in Sunscreen, Bug Spray and Deodorant to the office or M25 Room.

Registration for youth confirmation is now open. Youth Confirmation is for all those in the 9th-12th grades and above wishing to confirm their baptismal vows and make a mature commitment to Christ and the church. During Confirmation, baptized persons are "confirmed" in the Christian faith with the laying on of hands by a bishop. Most years the class begins in late September and takes place on select Sundays throughout the year, ending with an overnight retreat. Any student interested in joining the process should register on our website under the events page.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tai Chi Tuesdays

New Time! 9:30 – 10:30 am

Centering Prayer Group

Wednesdays at 11:15a | Center For Spirituality (next to the labyrinth & gardens)

Are you interested in learning and practicing this contemplative way of prayer and listening. Join us any Wednesday from 11:15a-12:00p and try it out. You'll find a caring circle of friends and the silence you long for. Contact Deacon Leila at Leila@ccpvb.org to find out more.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Preschool Summer Playdate

July 20 | 9:30–11:30 AM

Preschool children and their caregivers are invited to join us for a fun morning of play, activities, and fellowship. Come connect with other families while your little ones explore,

play, and enjoy time together in a welcoming environment.

Musical Theater Camp: *Golly Gee Whiz*
July 27–31 | 3:00–6:00 PM

Rising 5th–8th grade students are invited to a fun and creative week of musical theater featuring the award-winning show *Golly Gee Whiz!* Campers will sing, act, dance, play theater games, and help design sets, costumes, and props. The week will conclude with a performance. Spaces are available! Register online at ccpvb.org

Caregivers Support Meeting
July 28 | 4:00-5:30pm | Room 209

Email caregivers@ccpvb.org for more info.

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)
Wednesday, July 29 | Youth House

Low Tide 4:30PM-6PM

Middle School (6TH-8TH GRADERS)

High Tide 7PM-8:30PM

High School (9TH-12 GRADERS)

Family Scavenger Hunt
July 31 | 5:00-7:00 PM | Dining Hall

Gather your family for an evening of adventure as you explore the church campus, solve clues, and complete fun challenges together. Enjoy fellowship, make lasting memories, and compete for prizes awarded to participating families and winning teams. Limited spaces are available! Register online at ccpvb.org

The Christ Church Creative Academy is delighted to announce our fall performance - **Finding Nemo!** Auditions are Saturday, August 8 at 9:00 am in the Choir Room. Children should prepare 16 bars of music to sing with background music. There will be a

\$100 participation fee for everyone cast in the show. Questions? Please contact Barb Roberts at barbiekroberts@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Backpacks
August 9 | 9am Traditional & Jordan Services

A special back-to-school tradition where children bring their backpacks to church to receive a blessing for the new school year. Families are invited to stay afterward for games, fellowship, and a raffle celebration.

Education for Ministry Lunch & Learn
August 9 | 12:30 | Westbury Hall

In a weekly small group setting, Education for Ministry leads participants through four years of study, covering major areas of theological education. Christ Church has one EfM group, which meets Thursday evenings. Registration is required. If there is enough interest, we will explore the possibility of forming a second Christ Church EfM group. Contact: Lee Hunter (Thursdays 6:00 - 8:30 pm) oflct50@gmail.com.

Childrens' Choirs begin – August 12
Wednesdays, Room 124

For more information, please reach out to Stephanie Murray (SMurray@ccpvb.org), Worship and Family Music Director

Littlest Choir | 3 year olds – 1st grade
Rehearsals: Wednesdays from 4:30–5:00pm

Children's Choir | 2nd grade – 5th grade
Rehearsals: 5:15pm – 6:00pm

Youth Choir | 6th grade – 12th grade
Rehearsals: 6:30pm – 7:00pm

Hispanic Choir | All ages welcome
Time: TBD

Children's Sunday Formation begins on Sunday, August 16th from 10:15-11:00 am. Contact Amy Schmitt, aschmitt@ccpvb.org, for more information and to register your children for the school year.

Cursillo is pleased to announce upcoming weekends dedicated to bringing Jesus Christ into our daily lives. If you are ready to take the next step in fulfilling your baptismal vows, we invite you to join us.

- Men's Cursillo Weekend
9/24 (6:30 PM) – 9/27 (5:00 PM)
- Women's Cursillo Weekend
10/1 (6:30 PM) – 10/4 (5:00 PM)

Registration Deadline: August 17th

For questions, please contact Ron Kessner at Cursilloccpvb@gmail.com or via text at 904-866-0096.

**Youth Summer Waves Lock-in
Fri, Aug 21 @ 7:00 PM - Sat, Aug 22 @
7:00 PM**

Come gather at Christ Church for games, ice cream sundaes, and Compline! Cost is \$10 per youth for the lock-in and you must register online. We will be going to Summer Waves the following day, and pickup will be at 7PM. Cost is \$28 per youth for Summer Waves, and youth are responsible for buying their own tickets prior to the lock-in. Please note that you must also select Saturday, August 22nd as the date for the ticket.

HAPPENING #157 8PM Friday, September 18- 5PM Sunday, September 20. The candidate application deadline is August 23rd, 2026.

Important Reminder About Email and Text Scams

Please be vigilant regarding emails, texts, or other electronic messages that appear to come from Christ Church clergy, deacons, or staff requesting money, gift cards, financial assistance, account information, or any other form of payment. Our clergy and staff continue to be targets of phishing scams and impersonation attempts by criminals who use names and email addresses that may appear legitimate but are not.

Please remember this simple rule: You will never receive a request from Christ Church clergy or staff asking you to purchase gift cards, send money, transfer funds, or provide financial information.

If you receive such a message, do not respond, click links, make purchases, or send money. Instead, contact the church office or call the individual directly using a phone number you know to be valid.

Thank you for helping protect our parish family. Please remain vigilant, share this information with others, and join us in praying for those who perpetrate these scams, that their hearts may be transformed by God's grace.

A Fragrant Offering of a Different Kind - A Gentle Request

Several members of our church family live with allergies or breathing conditions (asthma, COPD, etc.) that can make strong fragrances genuinely uncomfortable. As an act of care and love for those who are affected, we gently ask that everyone refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, or heavily scented products to worship services. This small gesture makes a meaningful difference and helps ensure that everyone can participate fully in our life together. *Thank you for your kindness.*

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Worship Services

7:30 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m.	Cooper Chapel	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	Jordan Service
9:00 a.m.	NSIA Community Center	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	Jordan Service
12:45 p.m.	Cooper Chapel	Spanish-language Service
5:00 p.m.	Church Sanctuary	Contemplative Service
5:30 p.m. (Wed)	Cooper Chapel	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Vestry

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The Rev. Andreis Diaz, Vice Rector
The Rev. Amy Slater, Sr. Associate Rector The Rev. Laura Magevney, Associate Rector
The Rev. Wendy Billingslea
The Rev. Keith Oglesby, Vicar for Christ Church Among the Oaks

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The Rev. Deacon Leila Quinlan The Rev. Deacon Priscilla Wodehouse

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The Rev. Burt Shepherd The Rev. Rich Roos
The Rev. Joan Bryan, Emeritus
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Pedro Figueroa Valerie Gambino

SERMON NOTES





The world has changed.

And at times we feel further apart than ever before.

But, two things haven't changed:

God's Unwavering Love, and our need for each other.

With that comes the love that Christ Church has for you—all of you.

Because no matter if you attend virtually or in-person.

If you're Episcopalian or Non-Denominational.

Young or Old. Lean Left or Right.

Through the love of Jesus Christ, we are one.

Christ Church is not just a place, it's a community.

It's not just what you do on Sunday, it's how you live every day.

With opportunities to grow, learn, create, worship, praise, connect, serve, and thrive.

We are a church centered around Christ.

We are a community centered around Christ

We are the community of Christ Church.



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Sunday. Every Day.