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

**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

*The Feast of Independence Day*

· July 5, 2026 · 11:15 a.m. · Church ·

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

## THE WORD OF GOD

### **Prelude**

Alexei Romanenko, *Guest Organist*

*Please stand.*

### **Processional Hymn 680**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Vs. 1- 5

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:  
Under the shadow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt, secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.  
Before the hills, in order, stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting, thou art God, to endless years, the same.  
A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.  
Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

### **Welcome Words**

### **Opening Sentences**

Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People**

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

## Gloria

*S 236, The Hymnal*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
You are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **First Reading**

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

10:17-21

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated. Please read responsively by half verse.*

## **Psalm 145:1-9**

*Lector* <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O God my King, \*

**People**            **and bless your Name for ever and ever.**

<sup>2</sup> Every day will I bless you \*

**and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*

**there is no end to his greatness.**

<sup>4</sup> One generation shall praise your works to another \*

**and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup> I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*

**and all your marvelous works.**

<sup>6</sup> They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*

**and I will tell of your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup> They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*

**they shall sing of your righteous deeds.**

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
**and his compassion is over all his works.**

## **Second Reading**

*Lector*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Song Hymn 381**    *Thy Strong Word*

V. 1

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
It was done; for created light, we thank Thee,  
While thine ordered seasons run: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee, who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!

**The Gospel**

*Gospeler*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:43-48

**People**            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

*Gospeler*            The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel Response**            **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!** *(Sing twice)*

*Please be seated.*

**The Sermon**            *The Reverend Amy Slater*

*Please stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**            Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*You may kneel or sit.*

**The Prayers of the People, Form III** Page 387, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**The Confession** Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Please stand.*

**The Peace** Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant* 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 Anthem**

*Patriotic Medley*  
Men's Ensemble

Buryl Red and Joseph Joubert

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee, I sing.  
God bless America; land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her,  
Through the night, with the light from above.

This land is your land. This land is my land;  
From California, to the New York island,  
From the redwood forest, to the Gulf Stream wasters.  
This land is made for you and me.

From the mountains, to the prairies, to the ocean, white with foam,  
God bless America, my home, sweet home.  
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside, let freedom ring!  
God bless America, my home, sweet home. God bless America!

*Please stand for the Presentation.*

## **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 A**      Page 361, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Sanctus**      S 129, *The Hymnal*

*You may kneel or sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

**The Lord's Prayer**      Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**The Breaking of the Bread** Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*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. The ushers will guide you to the altar rail for Communion.*

**Communion Music**      *I Heard the Voice of Jesus*

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest; and in your weariness,  
Lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now, I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
And all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found, in Him, my Star, my Sun;  
And, in that light of life, I'll walk 'till pilgrim days are done

**PSB 162**      *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. *Repeat once.*  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me. *Repeat once.*  
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.  
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear. *Repeat once.*  
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.  
Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

## **Kneeling Hymn**

**Hymn 719**      *O, Beautiful, for Spacious Skies,*

O, beautiful, for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;  
For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good, with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

O, beautiful, for heroes proved, in liberating strife,  
Who, more than self, their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul, in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O, beautiful, for patriot dream, that sees beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good, with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

## **Sending the Eucharistic Visitors**

*When present, Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned to carry the Consecrated Gifts of Holy Communion to those who are unable, due to illness or impairment, to join us for Sunday services.*

*Celebrant*      In the name of Christ Church, I send you forth bearing these holy 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.**

*You may kneel or sit.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**      Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

## **The Blessing**

*Please stand.*

**Recessional Hymn 608**      *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
O, hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice, the waters heard,  
And hushed their raging at Thy word, who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
And calm, amid its rage didst, sleep:  
O, hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos, dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
O, hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, Thy children shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus, evermore, shall rise to Thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Postlude**

Alexei Romanenko, *Guest Organist*

## TODAY, Sunday July 5

**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

**Youth Forum** | 10:15-11:00am

### **Bulletins for BEAM at the Local**

Bring in your bulletin on Sundays in June and July from 9-4 to our neighborhood Local restaurant, and they will 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.

## SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

**JUST JULY: A Summer Book Study**  
**Wednesdays in July** | 10:00-11:00 AM | F106  
Father Eric will host a midsummer book study on *With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God* written by **Skye Jethani**. Visit [ccpvb.org](http://ccpvb.org) for more information.

**An Evening of Worship with Rachel**  
**Thursday, July 9 from 7-8pm** | Choir Room

Join our own Rachel Kamps for an evening of contemplative worship music. She'll play some old favorites and even some of her

original Psalm songs. We look forward to sharing space in God's presence together!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**"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.

### **Habitat for Humanity Faith Build**

July 18 – Registration Required! Email [D.Lan.Knowles@gmail.com](mailto:D.Lan.Knowles@gmail.com)

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](mailto:barbiekroberts@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:Cursilloccpvb@gmail.com) or via text at 904-866-0096.

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### **Nourishing Eats Culinary Camp**

(One more sessions!) Ages 8-17

July 13-15 8:30 AM–12:30 PM

Join Chef Jen and Chef Doreen for a fun and hands-on cooking experience at Nourishing Eats Culinary Camp. Campers will explore recipes and techniques inspired by the rich culinary traditions of Europe while learning new kitchen skills. Register online.

### **Theater & Music Camp: *Three of a Kind***

July 13–17 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Rising 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders

*Three of a Kind* is a delightful 30-minute musical featuring favorite characters that come in threes—bears, little pigs, blind mice, billy goats gruff, musketeers, and more. Campers will enjoy a creative week of theater games, singing, acting, dancing, playing instruments, and designing their own costumes.

### **Musical Theater Camp: *Golly Gee Whiz***

July 27–31 | 3:00–6:00 PM

Rising 5<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **General Warning - Phishing & Other Scams**

Please note that our clergy and lay staff continue to be victims of phishing attempts and other online scams. There is nothing that we can do to stop these attacks apart from warning you about them. Please note on the church website ([www.ccpvb.org](http://www.ccpvb.org)) the real and valid email addresses of our clergy and staff. Phishing attacks work by taking our valid email addresses and changing them just a little bit. The scammers then impersonate the clergy or staff, using these faked email addresses, sending emails to you (yes, they have your email address as well), asking for money or gift cards. **Please do not fall for this scam.** No one from this church will ever ask you for gift cards. And please pray for the scammers, that they may repent from their thieving ways, and give their life to Jesus!

## **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

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## Vestry

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The Rev. Wendy Billingslea  
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Alex Cain, Curate  
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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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