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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 · 9:00 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

Alexie Rominoff, *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.**

Soli Deo Gloria

Glory to God Alone

Zschech, Smith & Wong

Soloist We come before your throne to worship and adore.
Worthy is the Lamb, amen.
Soli Deo Gloria. All glory to God alone. Oh, Gloria.
Robed in majesty, our servant and our King.
Behold the Great I Am, Amen. *Refrain*

Please join in singing the Refrain.

So - li De - o Glo - ri - a. All —
glo - ry — to God a - lone. So - li De - o Glor - ri - a. All
glo - ry — to God a - lone. Oh, Glo - ri - a.

Soloist The hope of every heart, Love, is here with us;
Desire of the nations, Amen. Amen. *Refrain*

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.**

The children follow the cross to Children's Church.

Please be seated.

(Lector: Please wait for children to exit before starting The Reading)

The 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 stand.

Gospel Song PSB 185 *Thy Word*

Refrain Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,
Still, You're there, right beside me.
Nothing will I fear, as long as You are near.
Please, be with me, to the end. *Refrain*

I will not forget Your love for me,
And yet, my heart, forever, is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to Your side;
I will love You, to the end. *Refrain*

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. The children return.

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 waters.
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.**

Psalm 17 is sung as the children proceed to the altar area.

Keep me, keep me, as the apple of the eye.
Hide, me, hide me, in the shadow of your wings.

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

PSB 160 *Softly and Tenderly*

Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals, He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Refrain Come home, come home, come home, come home,
Ye who are weary, come home!
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling,
O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry, when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
Passing for you and for me;
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
Coming for you and for me. *Refrain*

Oh! For the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me;
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

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* Vs. 1, 2 & 4

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.

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 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

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.

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.

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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 1st-4th 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 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.

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) 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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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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