



CHRIST CHURCH
VERO BEACH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

August 3, 2025 | 10:30AM

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Please observe a prayerful silence before the service.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The liturgy provided here is from the ACNA *Book of Common Prayer* 2019.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Goodness of God

1. I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God (*Refrain*)

*Refrain: All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

2. I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God (*Refrain*)

*Bridge: Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down*

*I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me (Refrain)*

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!
2. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!
3. Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!
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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!
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and crown him Lord of all!

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THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing:

CELEBRANT Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
PEOPLE And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF 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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

THE KYRIE

CELEBRANT Lord, have mercy upon us.
PEOPLE **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
CELEBRANT Lord, have mercy upon us.

SONG OF PRAISE

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground
firm thru' the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
till on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for ev'ry sin on Him was laid:
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine -
bought with the precious Blood of Christ.
No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,

Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**
CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A Reading from **Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:11**

Pew Bible pg. 553-554

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen

everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

¹⁵ What is crooked cannot be made straight,
and what is lacking cannot be counted.

¹⁶ I said in my heart, “I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.” ¹⁷ And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind.

¹⁸ For in much wisdom is much vexation,
and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

^{2.1} I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.” But behold, this also was vanity. ² I said of laughter, “It is mad,” and of pleasure, “What use is it?” ³ I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine – my heart still guiding me with wisdom – and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. ⁴ I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. ⁵ I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. ⁶ I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. ⁷ I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. ⁸ I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man.

⁹ So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. ¹⁰ And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. ¹¹ Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun. (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

A responsive reading of **Psalms 49:1-12**

BCP pg. 330-331

- ¹ Hear this, all you peoples; *
ponder it with your ears, all who dwell in the world,
² High and low, rich and poor, *
everyone with his neighbor.
³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall muse on understanding.
⁴ I will incline my ear to a parable, *
and declare my dark sayings with the harp.
⁵ Why should I fear in the days of wickedness, *
and when the wicked at my heels encompass me
round about?
⁶ There are some who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast in the multitude of their riches.
⁷ But no one can deliver his brother, *
nor pay unto God a price for him;
⁸ For it is so costly to redeem their souls, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,
⁹ So that they should live for ever, *
and should not see the grave.
¹⁰ For we see that wise men die, as well as the ignorant
and foolish; *
they perish alike and leave their riches for others.
¹¹ And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever,
and that their dwelling places shall endure from one
generation to another, *
and they call lands after their own names.
¹² Man is like an ox that has no understanding; *
he is like the beasts that perish.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Amazing Grace

1. 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.

2. '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 GOSPEL

DEACON The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 12:13-21

Pew Bible pg. 871

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." (ESV)

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence hymn continues

4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
5. 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.

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SERMON

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying “hear our prayer” following each petition read aloud.

LITANIST Lord, in your mercy,
PEOPLE **hear our prayer.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY

What a beautiful Name

Fielding/Ligertwood

Doxology (*Old Hundredth*)

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. Amen.

CELEBRANT All things come from you, O Lord,

PEOPLE **And of your own have we given you.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE **We lift them up to the Lord.**

CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death
and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting
life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and **People** sing*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might, (repeat)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. (repeat)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest (repeat).

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

CELEBRANT Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We

are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

I am the Bread of Life

1. I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.

*Refrain: And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

2. The Bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever. *(repeat then Refrain)*
3. Unless you eat
of the Flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his Blood,
you shall not have life within you. *(repeat then Refrain)*
4. I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever. *(Refrain)*
5. Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world. *(Refrain)*

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On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear: under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. *(Refrain)*

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *(Refrain)*

For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon
their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *(Refrain)*

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout The universe displayed.

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *(Refrain)*
3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
sent Him to die I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin. *(Refrain)*

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home what joy shall fill my heart;
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" (*Refrain*)

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DISMISSAL

DEACON Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy
 Spirit.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

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